

50-335/389



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

May 10, 1995

Mr. J. H. Goldberg  
President - Nuclear Division  
Florida Power and Light Company  
Post Office Box 14000  
Juno Beach, Florida 33408-0420

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR FORMAL CONSULTATION REGARDING SEA TURTLES - ST. LUCIE PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

Dear Mr. Goldberg:

Based on the increasing number of Federally protected sea turtles being removed from the St. Lucie intake canal in recent months, as reported in the Annual Environmental Operating Report 1994 - Volume I prepared by Florida Power & Light Company (FPL), and based on conversations with representatives of FPL, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) believes that formal consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is necessary. Accordingly, the NRC has requested such consultation (see Enclosure) in accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and 50 CFR Part 402, Interagency Cooperation, Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

As required by the ESA; the NRC intends to prepare a biological assessment (BA) to determine the level of impact the St. Lucie Plant operation may have on sea turtles. The BA will encompass five species of sea turtles: (1) Kemp's ridley (Lepidochelys kempi), (2) Loggerhead (Caretta caretta), (3) Leatherback (Dermochelys coriacea), (4) Atlantic Green (Chelonia mydas), and (5) Hawksbill (Eretmochelys imbricata). To prepare the biological assessment, the NRC will need FPL input, as discussed by telephone by Dr. Michael Masnik of our staff, and Dr. Russ Wilcox of your environmental department.

On April 25, 1995, the NRC staff held a telephone conference with FPL staff during which we have mutually agreed that an initial visit to the St. Lucie site and a meeting would be beneficial to all parties, including a representative from the NMFS. The meeting would serve to determine the scope of the consultation and establish schedules and target dates for the various steps involved in the consultation process as well as any preliminary site mitigation approaches. The visit and the meeting are scheduled to start at 9:00 a.m. on May 23, 1995, at the St. Lucie site on Hutchinson Island, Florida.

9505190301 950510  
PDR ADOCK 05000335  
PDR

NRC FILE CENTER COPY

DF01

The points of contact regarding this issue are: Jan Norris, Project Manager for the St. Lucie Plant at 301-415-1483, Dr. Michael Masnik at 301-415-1191, or Steve Reynolds at 301-414-1115.

Sincerely,

(Original Signed By)

Jan A. Norris, Sr. Project Manager  
Project Directorate II-1  
Division of Reactor Projects - I/II  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-335  
and 50-389

Enclosure:  
As stated

cc w/enclosure:  
See next page

Distribution

Docket File  
PUBLIC  
PDII-1 RF  
S. Varga  
J. Zwolinski  
OGC  
ACRS (4)  
D. Verrelli

FILENAME - G:\TURTLE4.JAN

OFFICE	LA:PDII-1	PM:PDII-1	D:PDII-1		
NAME	Dunnington <sup>ED</sup>	JNorris	JMatthews		
DATE	5/9/95	5/9/95	5/9/95		
COPY	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No		

Mr. J. H. Goldberg  
Florida Power and Light Company

St. Lucie Plant  
Units 1 and 2

cc:

Jack Shreve, Public Counsel  
Office of the Public Counsel  
c/o The Florida Legislature  
111 West Madison Avenue, Room 812  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1400

Mr. Bill Passetti  
Office of Radiation Control  
Department of Health and  
Rehabilitative Services  
1317 Winewood Blvd.  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0700

Senior Resident Inspector  
St. Lucie Plant  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
7585 S. Hwy A1A  
Jensen Beach, Florida 34957

Regional Administrator, RII  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
101 Marietta Street N.W., Suite 2900  
Atlanta, Georgia 30323

Mr. Joe Myers, Director  
Division of Emergency Preparedness  
Department of Community Affairs  
2740 Centerview Drive  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100

Mr. H. N. Paduano, Manager  
Licensing & Special Programs  
Florida Power and Light Company  
P.O. Box 14000  
Juno Beach, Florida 33408-0420

J. R. Newman, Esq.  
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius  
1800 M Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20036

D. A. Sager, Vice President  
St. Lucie Nuclear Plant  
P.O. Box 128  
Fort Pierce, Florida 34954-0128

John T. Butler, Esq.  
Steel, Hector and Davis  
4000 Southeast Financial Center  
Miami, Florida 33131-2398

C. L. Burton  
Plant General Manager  
St. Lucie Nuclear Plant  
P.O. Box 128  
Fort Pierce, Florida 34954-0128

Mr. Thomas R.L. Kindred  
County Administrator  
St. Lucie County  
2300 Virginia Avenue  
Fort Pierce, Florida 34982

Mr. Robert E. Dawson  
Plant Licensing Manager  
St. Lucie Nuclear Plant  
P.O. Box 128  
Fort Pierce, Florida 34954-0128

Mr. Charles B. Brinkman, Manager  
Washington Nuclear Operations  
ABB Combustion Engineering,  
Nuclear Power  
12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 330  
Rockville, Maryland 20852