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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-335/95-20 AND 50-389/95-20

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted on August 10 through October 10, 1995, at the St. Lucie facility. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. The inspector reviewed the event that occurred when the 1A LPSI pump suction relief valve V-3483 lifted and failed to reseal. The inspector also reviewed other documented events in which relief valves had lifted and failed to reseal. Areas inspected included the licensee's immediate action taken once the valve's failure to reseal was recognized, root cause determination, and corrective action taken by the licensee. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, apparent violations were identified and are being considered for escalated enforcement action in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions" (Enforcement Policy), (60 FR 34381; June 30, 1995). The apparent violations identified are related to the failure to take prompt corrective action on an identified problem with safety-related relief valves lifting and not reseating. Accordingly, no Notice of Violation is presently being issued for these inspection findings. In addition, please be advised that the number and characterization of apparent violations described in the enclosed inspection report may change as a result of further NRC review.

A predecisional enforcement conference to discuss these apparent violations has been scheduled for November 14, 1995, at 1:00 p.m. The decision to hold a predecisional enforcement conference does not mean that the NRC has determined that violations have occurred or that enforcement action will be taken. This conference is being held to obtain information to enable the NRC to make an enforcement decision, such as a common understanding of the facts, root corrective actions, significance of the issues and the need for lasting and effective corrective action. In particular, we expect you to address the safety significance of the thermal relief valves in this and other safety-related systems. In addition, this is an opportunity for you to point out any

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errors in our inspection report and for you to provide any information concerning your perspectives on 1) the severity of the apparent violations, 2) the application of the factors that the NRC considers when it determines the amount of a civil penalty that may be assessed in accordance with Section VI.B.2 of the Enforcement Policy, and 3) any other application of the Enforcement Policy to this case, including the exercise of discretion in accordance with Section VII.

You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations on this matter. No response regarding the apparent violation is required at this time.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Orig signed by Ellis W. Merschoff

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Docket Nos. 50-335, 50-389
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