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SUBJECT: Forwards insp repts 50-335/97-16 & 50-389/97-16 on 971103-980109. Violations noted. Apparent violations were identified in ESFAS setpoint calibration for RWT low level bistables.

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January 23, 1998

EA 98-009

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SUBJECT: NRC SPECIAL INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-335/97-16, 50-389/97-16

Dear Mr. Plunkett:

On January 9, 1998, the NRC completed an inspection at your St. Lucie 1 and 2 reactor facilities. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

Based on the results of this inspection, two 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), NUREG-1600. The apparent violations involve deficiencies identified in the Engineered Safety Features Actuation System (ESFAS) setpoint calibration for the Refueling Water Tank (RWT) low level bistables which automatically initiate the shifting of safety injection suction from the RWT to the containment sump. Specifically apparent violations were identified for an incorrect setpoint for the containment sump recirculation and the failure to incorporate revised design information into the setpoint calibration procedure.

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.

An open predecisional enforcement conference to discuss these apparent violations has been scheduled for February 13, 1998. The decision to hold a predecisional enforcement conference does not mean that the NRC has determined that a violation 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 causes, missed opportunities to identify the apparent violation sooner, corrective actions, significance of the issues and the need for lasting and effective corrective action. In addition, this is an opportunity for you to point out any errors in our inspection report and for you to provide any information concerning your perspectives on 1) the severity of the 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.

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You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations on this matter. No response regarding these apparent violations 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 enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

Sincerely,

(original signed by Loren R. Plisco)

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Enclosure: Inspection Report Nos. 50-335/97-16, 50-389/97-16

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