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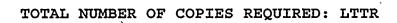
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Mr. T. F. Plunkett Florida Power & Light Company Post Office Box 14000 Juno Beach, Florida 33408-0420

SUBJECT:

FIRE PROTECTION FUNCTIONAL INSPECTION OF ST. LUCIE PLANT

(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-335/98-201 AND 50-389/98-201)

Dear Mr. Plunkett:

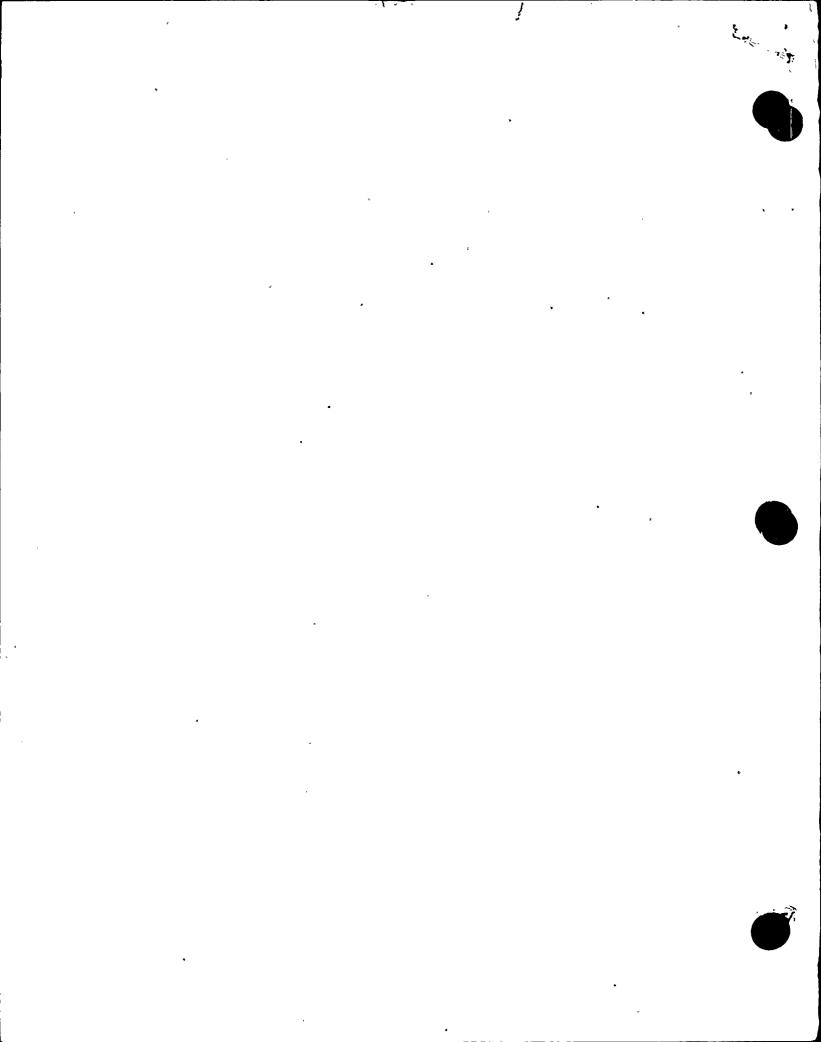
From March 9-13, 1998, and March 30-April 3, 1998, the staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR), with technical inspection support from Brookhaven National Laboratories (BNL) and NRC Region II, performed a pilot fire protection functional inspection (FPFI) at the St. Lucie Plant. The FPFI evaluated the adequacy of the fire protection program at St. Lucie and its ability to (1) prevent fires from starting and (2) detect, control, suppress, and extinguish fires quickly; it also assessed the capabilities of the plant to achieve and maintain post-fire safe-shutdown conditions.

In addition, this inspection evaluated the fire protection program's adherence to the design and licensing bases as established by Operating License DPR-67 (Unit 1), Condition 2.C(3) and NPF-16 (Unit 2), Condition 2.C.20; NRC safety evaluation reports; the St. Lucie Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR); and St. Lucie safe-shutdown analyses. Within the areas inspected, the team examined procedures and records, interviewed plant operations and engineering support personnel, examined plant equipment and structures, and observed simulated responses to fire events.

From the FPFI, the NRC inspection team determined that the operational aspects (e.g., fire prevention program administrative controls) were satisfactory and appropriately implemented. However, the team noted weaknesses associated with the design of certain plant fire protection features, fire brigade effectiveness, and certain aspects of the engineering analyses used to demonstrate that post-fire safe-shutdown conditions can be achieved and maintained. The lack of program ownership was viewed by the team as a significant contributor to the fire protection/post-fire safe- shutdown weaknesses. The enclosed report presents the detailed scope and findings of this inspection.

As with all NRC inspections, we expect that you will evaluate the applicability of the results and specific findings of this inspection to other systems, components, and programs throughout the plant. In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. Any followup and/or enforcement action





resulting from this inspection will be handled by NRC Region II staff and will be addressed by separate correspondence. Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, please contact the project manager for St. Lucie, William Gleaves, at 301-415-1479, or the inspection team leader, Patrick M. Madden, at 301-415-2854.

Sincerely,

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