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

June 21, 1996

Mr. K. J. Moran
2853 SE Pace Drive
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34984

Dear Mr. Moran:

Your electronic message to President Clinton of March 4, 1996, has been forwarded to our office for response. In your message, you expressed concern regarding the recent performance of the St. Lucie nuclear power plant, including the effect of corporate downsizing on plant operations.

The NRC periodically assesses the performance of each nuclear power plant under its Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) program. Although the previous two assessments of the St. Lucie plant covering combined periods from November 1990 to January 1994 had rated the plant as superior (the highest of three ratings), the NRC has recently observed a declining trend in performance in two of four functional areas (maintenance and operations). This perceived decline is reflected in the most recent SALP assessment covering the period January 1994 through January 1996, in which the performance assessments in the maintenance and operations areas were downgraded from a rating of superior to good (middle of the three ratings). In spite of this decline, the NRC continues to conclude that this facility is being operated in a safe manner. The presence of two members of the NRC staff on site on a full time basis and the periodic region-based inspection program provides direct regulatory oversight of the licensee's activities. Issuance of violations by these inspectors is intended to emphasize to the licensee the need for effective corrective action in the areas inspected.

You also provided specific examples of occurrences which caused you concern. With regard to your concern about the effect of corporate downsizing on plant operations, the licensee's personnel cutbacks have not involved personnel essential to operating the plant in a safe manner. The licensee did shut down St. Lucie Unit 1 on February 22, 1996, while NRC officials were on site for the most recent SALP assessment presentation. Although several equipment problems led to the decision to shut down the unit, the operators acted prudently and followed the applicable procedures during the shutdown.

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Further, the NRC staff completed a detailed evaluation of issues that arose at the St. Lucie plant between August 1994 and August 1995 and identified some programmatic weaknesses. Independently, the licensee performed a detailed root-cause analysis of recent events. On August 29, 1995, the licensee met with the NRC staff at a public meeting and detailed its analysis and plan for implementing a corrective action program. The NRC continues to conduct public

meetings with the licensee and perform inspections to monitor the licensee's progress in implementing this program. The most recent meeting was held on June 12, 1996, at the St. Lucie site. Although it is too early to evaluate the effectiveness of the licensee's corrective actions, I assure you that the NRC will continue to closely monitor the licensee's performance to make certain it will be maintained at an acceptable level.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Steven A. Varga, Director
Division of Reactor Projects I/II
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT DOWNSIZING AND POSSIBLE SAFETY EFFECTS

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Recently, it has taken a major turn for the worse -- partially due to FP&L's corporate downsizing. There have been several violations and some incredible stories in the press. There was a shut down while government inspectors were on-site for a impromptu inspection. And one story that described a government official flicking a cigarrette butt (found on the plant floor) at the new FP&L chief during their meeting. That's not exactly the "morale booster" these men and women need to get back on track.

Not to be an alarmist, but if this is happening at the "safest plant" in the country, perhaps it's time to re-visit plant management and re-emphasize positive attitudes towards safe operation. We've got enough Natural dissaster to deal with -- without creating our own!

Well, thanks for reading (and that goes for whoever actually does the screening and replies
).
Maybe I'll get a response sometime before the election. If nothing else it will be a thrill for my five-year-old daughter, Megan.

Either way, you've got our vote, again.

Sincerely,

K.J. Moran

P.S. Just for the record, our screen name "RightMedia" (and company name Media Right) has nothing to do with The Right. Our company logo is a meteor or shooting star.

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MEMORANDUM FOR NRC 3

FROM: SUE J. SMITH SJS
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF AGENCY LIAISON

SUBJECT: REFERRAL OF WHITE HOUSE BULK MAIL AND RECENT CHANGES IN PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING OF THE BULK MAIL

Thank you for your continued hard work in ensuring responses to the Presidential letters and inquiries forwarded to your agency. The volume of mail that President and Mrs. Clinton receive still remains unprecedented.

As stated in my February 14, 1996 memorandum, we are continuing to refine our procedures and have instituted a change regarding bulk mail. It is no longer necessary for you to return this mail with a copy of your response.

Please keep the original incoming letter along with a copy of any written or telephone response at your agency. Return any misreferrals to me at the following address:

Ms. Sue J. Smith
Director, Office of Agency Liaison
Room 6, OEOB
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 202/456-7486.

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Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

MAY 07 1996

Ms. Sue J. Smith
Director, Office of Agency Liaison
Room 6, OEOB
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Smith:

This will acknowledge your recent letter to the Secretary of Energy.

Because the subject of your letter does not fall within the purview of the Department of Energy, we have forwarded your letter to:

Mr. William M. Beecher
Director
Office of Public Affairs
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Sincerely,

Sheila L. Brooks

Sheila L. Brooks
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DOE 23

FROM: SUE J. SMITH
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF AGENCY LIAISON

SUBJECT: REFERRAL OF CASEWORK IN BULK

An unprecedented number of individuals still write the President and the First Lady for help. I know that this has meant a far greater volume of mail for your agency than ever before. I appreciate your continuing cooperation in our efforts to be as responsive as possible.

The attached letters have not received a White House Staff response. I am forwarding this correspondence to your agency for any appropriate action.

Please return the original incoming letter, along with a copy of any written or telephone response, to me at the address below. I also would appreciate your sending a copy of your agency's log of the names and addresses of these individuals. Any misreferrals should be returned to my office. If you have questions you can reach me at 456-7486.

Sue J. Smith
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Again, thank you for your continuing help.

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Field 1 = Mr. K.J. Moran
2853 SE Pace Drive
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984

Field 2 = Dear Mr. President,

I've never written to any political figure before, but a few recent events compel me to give it a try.

Before venting my alarm, I'd like to commend you, the First Family, and Vice President Gore and his family for your hard work and leadership.

Now two items to "vent":

First, please do not let up on the campaign trail. We need four more years -- at least -- and some of the Republican candidates are downright scary. My wife and I just started our own business last year, which has some international clients, and I can't imagine a "Protectionest Wall" around our country.

Second, on a more local note: We moved to Florida nine years ago with full knowledge that we would be just 15 - 20 miles from one of Florida Power & Light's nuclear power plants. It was touted (and probably was) the "safest plant" in the country.

May 29, 1996

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The following documents concerning our review of the subject facility are transmitted for your information.

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