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SUBJECT: Responds to NRC 800619 request re endangered, threatened or proposed to be listed species in plant area. Jacksonville office will provide list after review. Advises of change in consultation procedures...

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Mr. Steven A. Varga Chief, Operating Reactors Branch # 1 Division of Licensing U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Varga:

This acknowledges your correspondence of June 19, 1980 (received June 27, 1980), requesting information on whether any endangered, threatened, or proposed to be listed species may be present in the area of the Turkey Point Plant Unit Nos. 3 and 4 in Dade County, Florida.

We have assigned log number 4-1-80-A-219 to this project, and we request that you refer to this number in all future correspondence.

We have forwarded the information you provided to our Jacksonville Area Office for its review. Upon completion of this review, a list of species that may be present in the area of the proposed action will be provided. If a biological assessment is required, we will also indicate the information it should contain.

In an effort to streamline the consultation process under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, the Fish and Wildlife Service has made a minor change in consultation procedures. Pursuant to our letter of March 19, 1980, your agency should request from the Area Office—not from the Regional Office in Atlanta—a list of threatened or endangered species that may occur in your project areas.

Under former procedures, the request for a list of species was mailed to the Atlanta Office and forwarded to the Area Office. With this new arrangement the request can be sent directly to the Area Office which will respond directly to the Agency. This will save time as well as reduce paperwork in the consultation process.

For those construction projects where listed species may occur, a biological assessment is required. Those assessments which determine a "no effect" to the species should be sent directly to the Area Office with a copy to the Regional Office. Those assessments which determine a "may affect" situation, and therefore request consultation, should be sent to the Regional Office.

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We appreciate your interest and concern in the preservation of listed species. .

Sincerely yours,

Walter O. Stieglitz

Regional Director

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