

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

1. Report No.: 50-302/79-114/04L-0
2. Facility: Crystal River Unit No. 3
3. Report Date: January 31, 1980
4. Occurrence Date: Fall quarter of 1979
(discovered 24 January 1980)
(determined at plant 29 January 1980)

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5. Identification of Occurrence:

A difference of more than two standard deviations ($>2\sigma$) existed between the preoperational study and the operational study in the metabolic functions of the following aquatic systems adjacent to Crystal River Unit No. 3:

- a) Bay Metabolism for net productivity during the Fall quarter.
- b) Discharge Salt Marshes (Juncus) for dead biomass during the Fall quarter.

6. Conditions Prior to Occurrence:

The site generation capacity factor for the fourth (Fall) quarter of 1979 was 65.3%.

7. Description of Occurrence:

In Table 1 is the description of the preoperational mean, the preoperational two standard deviation (2σ), the operational mean, and the determination whether the operational mean was greater than ($>$) or less than ($<$) the preoperational mean, \pm two standard deviations for each of the items of Section 5, above.

8. Designation of Apparent Cause:

The apparent causes of the greater than two standard deviation change of the metabolic functions in the Salt Marshes and Bay could be natural or seasonal variations or these variations in conjunction with the increased thermal output from the site due to Crystal River Unit No. 3.

9. Analysis of Occurrence:

In the Salt Marshes and the Bay, the possible natural or seasonal variations in conjunction with the possible effect of the Crystal River Unit No. 3 addition to the site thermal discharge may have caused the

change in the metabolic functions observed in the operational study as compared to the preoperational study. However, these changes may be temporary as the ecosystem reorganizes itself to the new conditions. The suggestion of cause and effect by Crystal River Unit No. 3 can only be corroborated by the continuance of this study since greater than two standard deviation difference did not exist between preoperational and the operational data in the remaining metabolic functions.

A period of adjustment of the ecosystem was expected concurrent with Crystal River Unit No. 3's initial operation. Therefore, changes in the operation of the unit are not required, and the present program to monitor the environment will be continued.

10. Corrective Action:

The change in metabolic functions in the Discharge Salt Marshes and the Bay cannot, at this time, be attributed to either natural phenomenon or a specific man-made cause. Therefore, the present study will be continued to verify, if possible, the cause. Until such time, no corrective action can be defined.

11. Failure Data:

This is the seventh report for this type occurrence.

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Table 1

<u>Aquatic System</u>	<u>Metabolic Function</u>	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Preoperational</u>		<u>Operational</u>		<u>Operational Mean > or < Preoperational Mean \pm 2</u>
			<u>Mean</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>2</u>	
Bay Metabolism Station A	Net Productivity (g O ₂ /m ²)	Fall	1.20	0.20	1.51		>
Bischoff Salt Marshes (<u>Juncus</u>)	Dead Biomass (g/m ²)	Fall	860	360	1260		>

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