

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Docket No. 50-302

Mr. Percy M. Beard, Jr. Senior Vice President. Nuclear Operations Florida Power Corporation ATTN: Manager, Nuclear Operations Licensing P.O. Box 219-NA-21 Crystal River, Florida 32629

Dear Mr. Beard:

SUBJECT: CRYSTAL RIVER UNIT 3-REVIEW OF 60-DAY RESPONSE TO GENERIC LETTER 88-20. INDIVIDUAL PLANT EXAMINATIONS (IPE) (TAC NO. 74401)

Generic Letter 88-20 requires, in part, that each operating reactor licensee and construction permit holder: (1) identify the approach and method selected for performing the IPE, (2) describe the method to be used, and (3) identify the schedule for performing the IPE and submitting the results to the NRC. This information was to be submitted to the NRC within 60 days of issuance of Supplement 1 of the generic letter.

We have reviewed your letter dated November 3, 1989, submitted in response to the reporting requirements of the general letter. We conclude that your IPE approach, methodology and schedule are generally acceptable.

However, as we stated in Generic Letter 88-20, we expect that utilities with extensive PRA experience, such as yours, will submit their IPE results on a shorter schedule than 3 years. We therefore encourage you to submit your IPE results on a more expeditious schedule to help avoid any possible delays between your completion of the IPE and our review process due to the expected backlog at the end of the 3-year period.

We have also noted in your submittal the statement that "outliers will be evaluated against the design basis accident requirements." This is not consistent with the purpose of the IPE, which is to look beyond the design basis for improvements which could help prevent or mitigate severe accidents. We expect that the IPE will be performed on a probabilistic basis in conformance with the general purpose of the examination as stated in the generic letter.

We anticipate that any possible additional analysis or reporting requirements. such as those from external events or from the Containment Performance Improvement Program, will not have any adverse effect on your schedule. however, if your schedule should change, please notify the NRC of the proposed change and the reason for the change.

Should you have any questions concerning the requirements of the generic letter, please contact Mr. Michael L. Boyle, NRR at (301) 492-1308 or Mr. John H. Flack, RES at (301) 492-3979.

Sincerely.

Original Signed By

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