Docket No. 50-302 License No. DPR-72

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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF LICENSEE PERFORMANCE (SALP)
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-302/94-02)

The NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) has been completed for Crystal River Unit 3. The facility was evaluated for the period of August 23, 1992, through February 19, 1994. The results of the evaluation are documented in the enclosed SALP report. This SALP report will be discussed with you at a public meeting to be held on April 13, 1994, in the Crystal River Site Administration Building auditorium, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

The SALP was conducted under the revised SALP process that was implemented by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on July 19, 1993. The revised process assesses four functional areas: Plant Operations, Maintenance, Engineering, and Plant Support.

The assessment recognizes continued improvement in performance in the Engineering area from the previous assessment and rated this area as superior. The new composite functional area of Plant Support, which is an integrated assessment of several areas, was also rated as superior performance which is essentially a continuation of the previous performance. The performance in these areas is indicative of excellent management involvement, attention to detail, and a focus on excellence in these areas.

Although some gains in performance have been noted in the areas of operations and maintenance, both of which are assessed as good, they were incrementally less than the other areas and indicate a need for an enhanced management oversight in these areas. The assessment was positive in the implementation of self assessment and corrective action which is also an improvement in overall quality of station operations.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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No reply to this letter is required; however, should you have any questions or comments, I would be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: SALP Report

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