

**Florida  
Power**  
CORPORATION

Crystal River Unit 3  
Docket NO. 50-302

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attention: Document Control Desk  
Washington, D.C. 20555

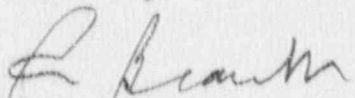
Subject: Unsatisfactory Blind Performance Testing Incident

Dear Sir:

Florida Power Corporation's (FPC) National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) certified laboratory (Doctors & Physical Laboratory) reported on December 17, 1990 the result of a blind performance specimen test as negative when, in fact, the specimen contained morphine. The concentration in the specimen was reported to be below the 300 ng/ml cutoff level, when in fact it was 716 ng/ml. This incident is categorized as a "false negative". Pursuant to 10 CFR Part 26, Appendix A, Subpart B, Section 2.8(e)(4), FPC is submitting this report of unsatisfactory blind performance testing incident.

Upon FPC's request, the laboratory retested the specimen and investigated the error. The laboratory confirmed that the specimen contained morphine in the correct amount. Laboratory technicians were interviewed during the investigation, but the cause of the error could not be determined.

Sincerely,

  
P.M. Beard, Jr.,  
Senior Vice President  
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xc: Regional Administrator, Region II  
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December 28, 1990

Ronald S. Kline, M. D.  
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3201 34th Street S  
St. Petersburg, FL 33711

RE: Urine Specimen I.D. #486-75-266

Dear Dr. Kline:

As per your request of 17 December 1990, the laboratory resubmitted the specimen listed above for reanalysis. Upon reanalysis, it was determined that this specimen which was originally signed out as negative on 17 December 1990, was determined to be positive for morphine with a concentration of 716 ng/mL.

We are sorry for the inconvenience this may have caused you and have discussed these findings with the technical people involved in the handling of the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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