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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman Hendrie
Commissioner Gilinsky
Commissioner Kennedy
Commissioner Bradford
Commissioner Ahearne

FROM: O. Gene Abston, Acting Director
Office of Inspector and Auditor

SUBJECT: ST. LUCIE MATTER

By memorandum dated August 30, 1978 to James Kelley, Acting General Counsel, Commissioner Bradford requested (attached) that we respond to Martin Hodder's letter of August 4, 1978 (attached) to the Commission and Atomic Safety and Licensing Board. We reviewed Mr. Hodder's letter and generally he is concerned that we did not interview him and that our inquiry was primarily limited to St. Lucie, Unit 1.

With regard to not interviewing Mr. Hodder or any other St. Lucie intervenors, the focus of our inquiry dealt with alleged misconduct by the AEC staff, and we felt that the intervenors would not have knowledge related to the specific staff action and therefore would not have any information regarding whether the allegation had, in fact, occurred. In addition, we felt that if the intervenors had any information concerning employee misconduct or grid reliability it would have already been surfaced.

In Mr. Hodder's letter of August 31, 1978, he indicates that he doesn't have any information concerning the issue of grid stability. However, since he expressed concerns that he was not interviewed, we called him on September 7, 1978. He told us (attached) that he doesn't have any information concerning employee misconduct or grid stability.

With regard to us limiting our inquiry to St. Lucie, Unit 1, we concluded that Mr. Pollard's allegation primarily concerned St. Lucie, Unit 1. In fact both his interview (page 1 of interviews in report) and some of the specific evidence he supplied was directly related to Unit 1 (excerpt of St. Lucie's Unit 1 Safety Evaluation Report). In addition we were informed by the NRC staff that grid stability is not a plant specific problem, in that any grid problem would effect all the plants on the grid. Therefore, if our inquiry had uncovered any employee misconduct or grid reliability problem concerning St. Lucie, Unit 1, the same would have applied to St. Lucie, Unit 2.

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ATTACHMENT 3

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Based on the above, we believe that no further action by OIA is required in this matter.

Attachments:

As stated

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