

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT  
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Florida Power Corporation (EA 97-012)  
Crystal River Unit 3  
Docket No. 50-302

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$50,000

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of \$50,000 will be issued on or about February 28, 1997, to the Florida Power Corporation. The action involves multiple violations at the Crystal River Plant related to the implementation of licensee's Physical Security Plan (PSP). Specifically, six violations were identified involving the failure to (1) maintain adequate PSP implementing procedures; (2) properly respond to a protected area alarm; (3) employ the capability to assess more than one protected area alarm at a time; (4) maintain a physical barrier to the protected area; (5) appropriately control and safeguards weapons stored in the armory; and (6) properly submit PSP changes to the NRC as required by 10 CFR 50.54(p). The violations were categorized as a Severity Level III problem.

In accordance with the Enforcement Policy, a base civil penalty in the amount of \$50,000 is considered for a Severity Level III problem occurring prior to November 12, 1996. In considering the licensee's escalated enforcement history, the factors of *Identification* and *Corrective Action* were considered in accordance with Section VI.B.2 of the Enforcement Policy. The licensee was not given credit for *Identification* in that the majority of the violations were NRC identified. However, the licensee was given credit for the factor of *Corrective Action* because the actions to restore degraded conditions were prompt and comprehensive. This assessment resulted in the base civil penalty of \$50,000 for the Severity Level III problem.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Notice  
Telephone Notification of Licensee

February 28, 1997  
February 28, 1997

The State of Florida will be notified.

The licensee has thirty days from the date of the Notice in which to respond. Following NRC evaluation of the response, the civil penalty may be remitted, mitigated, or imposed by Order.

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