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Teleconference with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Florida Power & Light Company
Regarding Injured American Crocodile at Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Unit Nos. 3 and 4

June 7, 2021

TELECONFERENCE DATE

May 3, 2021

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BACKGROUND

On April 21, 2021, an FPL employee struck an American crocodile while driving on Palm Drive shortly after 12:00am. The crocodile was approximately 13 feet in length. Based on a photograph taken after the incident, FPL believes that the crocodile sustained injuries at the base of the tail. The crocodile retreated to the L-31 canal by the time the FPL biologist arrived on the scene. FPL notified relevant Federal and State agencies of the incident, including the NRC, FWS, and the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission. The NRC and FWS coordinated this teleconference to determine the appropriate next steps under the Endangered Species Act.

In an April 28, 2021, teleconference among NRC, FWS, and FPL, FPL described the event and reviewed photographs of the injured crocodile.

TELECONFERENCE NOTES

- The FWS determined that because the crocodile was struck on what looked to be the base of the tail, the incident was unlikely to result in mortality. Therefore, the incident does not count against the incidental take limit set forth in the FWS's July 25, 2019, biological opinion of one causal mortality per calendar year.
- The FWS clarified that it interprets "power complex or along an access road" in the "MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS" section of the biological opinion to mean the action area, as described on p. 14 and in Figure 1 of the opinion.
- The FWS stated that plant employee-caused mortality within the action area (even if driving to or from work in a personal car) will count towards Turkey Point's incidental take limit.

- The FWS stated that roadkill morality within the action area should continue to be reported even if the individual that hit the animal is unknown. If investigation of such an incident does not attribute the morality to operation of the plant, the morality will not count towards Turkey Point's incidental take limit.

FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

None

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The FWS and FPL were provided an opportunity to review and comment on this teleconference summary prior to its finalization.