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Power**
CORPORATION
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject: Withdrawal of Request for Review of the Crystal River Unit 3 Control Room Habitability Report (TAC No. MA0667)

- References:**
1. FPC to NRC letter, 3F0798-15, dated July 30, 1998, "License Amendment Request #222, Revision 1 - Control Room Emergency Ventilation System and Ventilation Filter Test Program (TAC No. M91823)"
 2. NRC to FPC letter, 3N0899-13, dated August 23, 1999, "Crystal River Unit 3 - Issuance of Amendment Regarding Control Room Emergency Ventilation System and Ventilation Filter Testing Program (TAC No. MA0667)"
 3. NRC to FPC letter, 3N0298-04, dated February 3, 1998, "Crystal River Nuclear Generating Plant Unit 3 - Control Complex Habitability Envelope Justification for Continued Operation - Interim Assessment Results (TAC No. M91823)"

Dear Sir:

Florida Power Corporation (FPC) hereby withdraws the request for review of the Crystal River Unit 3 (CR-3) Control Room Habitability Report. This report was submitted to the NRC as part of License Amendment Request (LAR) #222 (Reference 1) which proposed changes to the Improved Technical Specifications (ITS) regarding control room habitability. LAR #222 was approved by the NRC in Amendment No. 185 (Reference 2). However, the ITS changes associated with control room habitability were approved for one operating cycle only.

NRC approval of LAR #222 was based, in part, upon the prior NRC review (Reference 3) of FPC's justification for continued operation and associated compensatory measures. The NRC review determined that these measures provide reasonable assurance that CR-3 control room doses following design basis accidents will meet the requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix A, GDC-19. This determination was based in part on the commitment for the timely administration of potassium iodide for thyroid prophylaxis. FPC concurs with the NRC evaluation provided in Amendment No. 185 and continues to operate within the justification for continued operation including the associated compensatory measures.

FPC is evaluating options regarding the submittal of a LAR to replace the ITS changes that were approved for one operating cycle only. These options include revision of the Control Room Habitability Report and the incorporation of an alternate source term which is currently being considered under proposed rulemaking. Use of an alternate source term would be pursued as a cost beneficial licensing action which would reduce unnecessary regulatory burden without compromising any margin of safety. FPC considers that further review of the Control Room Habitability Report at this time would be an inappropriate use of FPC and NRC resources. Accordingly, FPC no longer requests NRC approval of the Control Room Habitability Report submitted with Reference 1.

If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Mr. Sid Powell, Manager, Nuclear Licensing at (352) 563-4883.

Sincerely,



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