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SUBJECT: Informs that operator shifts will be limited to two shifts approx 12-h long for transferring spent fuel from one spent fuel pit to other. Previous shifts were limited to three shifts approx 8-h long.

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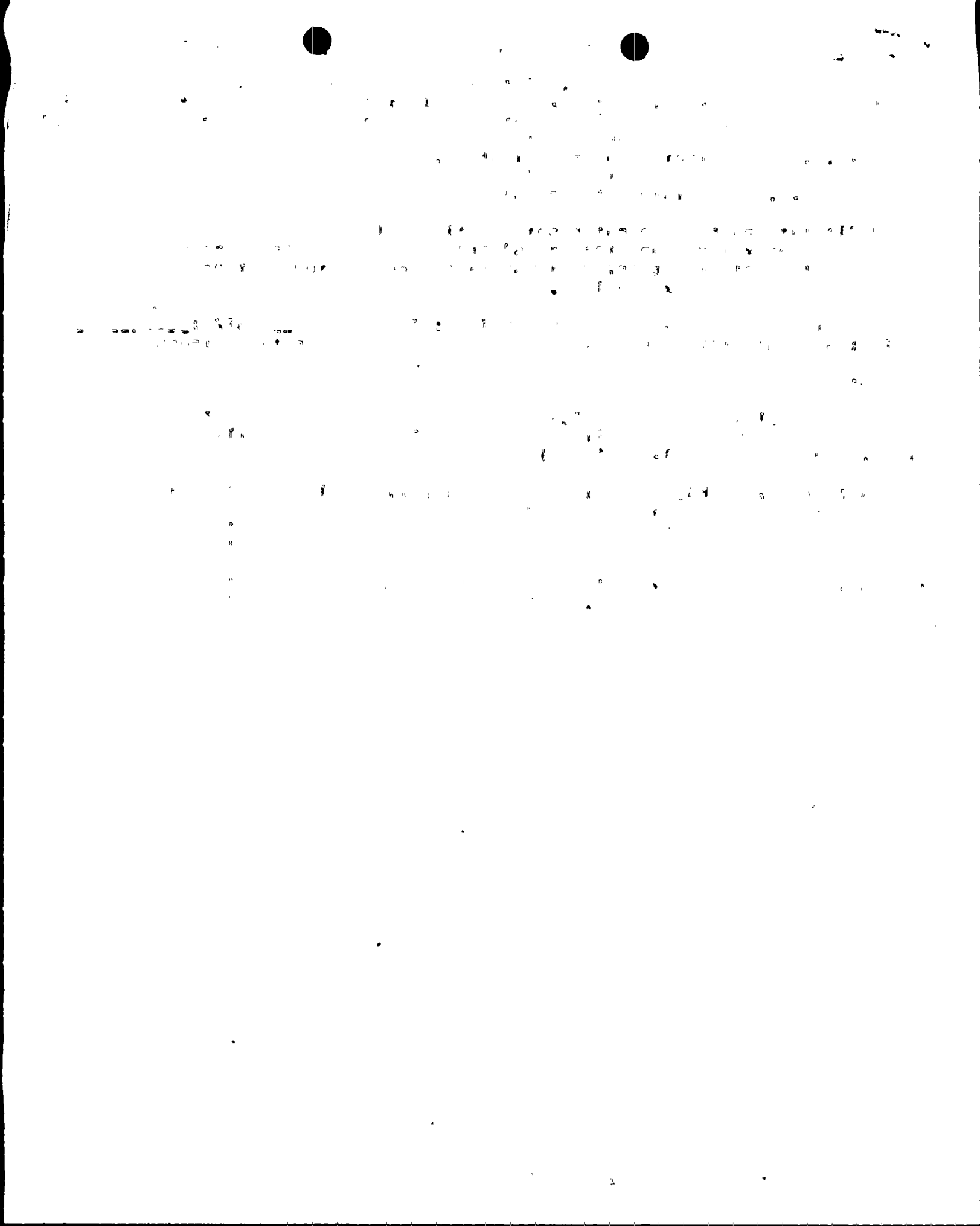
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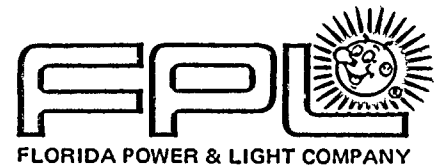
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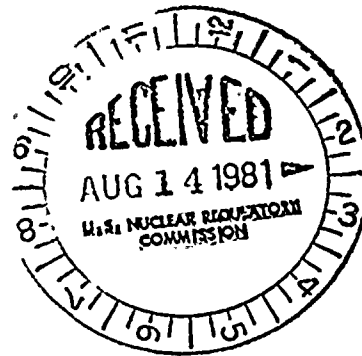


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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Attention: Mr. Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director
Division of Licensing
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Eisenhut:

Re: Turkey Point Units 3 & 4
Docket Nos. 50-250 and 50-251
Spent Fuel Movement



In our letter L-76-234 of June 23, 1976, to Victor Stello, Florida Power & Light, provided an evaluation of the safety aspects of transferring spent fuel from one Turkey Point Plant spent fuel pit to the other. In this letter, we committed to limiting the duration of the shifts of personnel associated with the spent fuel transfer to "three shifts approximately 8 hours long" in order to assure operator awareness.

Our original commitment was made prior to our gaining any experience handling spent fuel other than during refueling. We elected to begin our spent fuel handling operations very conservatively in order to provide maximum possible assurance of completing them with no safety problems. Since 1976, we have gained significant experience in performing this operation and are now in a position to reassess the need for limiting operator shifts to eight hours. We now know that this limitation has had little effect on safety. The operation is very routine, highly proceduralized, and requires little judgment or real time decision making.

We now intend to ensure operator awareness will be assured by limiting the shifts associated with this operation to two shifts approximately twelve hours long. The operation is randomly witnessed by NRC inspectors, by Quality Assurance auditors and by Quality Control inspectors. The safety of the operation is not degraded by the twelve hour shifts, especially in view of the other administrative and hardware controls in effect.

Very truly yours,

Robert E. Uhrig
Vice President
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