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Subject: Turkey Point Units 3 and 4
Docket Nos. 50-250 and 50-251
Fire Rating of Raceway Fire Barriers in the
Outdoor Fire Area Excluding the Turbine Building

By letter L-96-318 dated December 12, 1996, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) submitted a request for exemption from the requirements for raceway fire barriers in outdoor fire areas excluding the Turbine Building at Turkey Point Units 3 and 4. By letter dated February 24, 1998, the NRC granted the FPL request for exemption for Fire Zones 47, 54, 113, 114, 115, 116, 118, 119, 120 and 143 and denied the request for exemption for Fire Zone 106R.

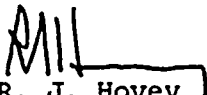
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Also, in a conversation between the NRC and FPL on December 1, 1997, prior to NRC approval of the partial exemption, FPL agreed with the NRC recommendation not to address generic acceptability of the use of separation or radiant energy shields as part of the exemption approval. Therefore, the purpose of this letter is to confirm our understanding of that conversation and to document FPL's intention to protect the safe shutdown circuits in fire zones 79-partial, 81, 84-partial, 86, 88-partial, 89-partial and 131 with 25-minute rated fire barriers, except where separation already is credited under existing exemptions as granted by NRC letter dated March 27, 1984, (of these fire zones, FPL credits physical separation of redundant components in Fire Zone 79, as stated in FPL letter L-97-182, dated July 31, 1997). This approach is consistent with the NRC Safety Evaluation Report issued February 24, 1998, which granted an exemption for the other outdoor areas. Should Turkey Point elect to use radiant energy shields or take credit for physical separation in these fire zones, FPL will submit a separate exemption request for NRC review and approval.

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