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50-251/97-25. Corrective actions: training manager notified
NRC examiners of mistake, counseled & briefed involved
personnel on requirements & expectations re exam security.

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Re: Turkey Point Units 3 & 4
Docket Nos. 50-250/251
Reply to Notice of Violation
(NRC Office of Investigation Report No. 2-97-025)

Florida Power & Light Company has reviewed the subject inspection report and, pursuant to 10 CFR 2.201, the required response is attached.

If there are any questions, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment

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REPLY TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION

RE: Turkey Point Units 3 and 4
Docket Nos. 50-250 and 50-251
NRC Office of Investigation Report No. 2-97-025

FINDING

"During an NRC Office of Investigations (OI) investigation conducted from September 24, 1997 through February 25, 1998, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the 'General Statement of Policy and Procedures for NRC Enforcement Actions,' NUREG-1600, the violation is listed below:

10 CFR 55.49, Integrity of Examinations and Tests, requires that applicants, licensees, and facility licensees shall not engage in any activity that compromises the integrity of any application, test or examination required by this part.

Contrary to the above, on September 9, 1997, the facility licensee engaged in an activity that compromised the integrity of an examination of two senior reactor operator license candidates. Specifically, a Training Department employee divulged to the two sequestered candidates information regarding a portion of the simulator examination. The employee stated to the candidates that the crew just examined received a loss of charging scenario. This in effect provided the two candidates with the knowledge that they would not be receiving the loss of charging scenario. This statement constituted an activity that compromised the integrity of a licensing examination required by 10 CFR Part 55, and resulted in a need to modify the originally planned simulator portion of the examination.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement I)."

RESPONSE TO FINDING

1. Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) concurs with the finding.
2. Reason for the violation:

The event which resulted in the violation was due to the inadvertent exchange of information among candidates and the Training Department employee which resulted in a compromise of examination security. The Training Department employee erroneously disclosed to the candidates the simulator scenario that one of the candidates would have been examined on.



3. Corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved:

The Training Department employee promptly reported the mistake to the Training Manager, who in turn, immediately notified the NRC examiners. This allowed the examiners to change the simulator examination scenarios prior to the administration of the examination to the candidates involved, thereby restoring the integrity of the examination. The candidates and Training Department employee associated with the inadvertent exchange of information have been counseled on the inappropriateness of their conduct.

All personnel involved with the September 1997 license examination (instructors and candidates) were briefed on the requirements and expectations concerning examination security.

The Administrative Guideline (AG-016) dealing with initial license examination development was revised to include the following: 1) to provide guidance to keep candidates and anyone having knowledge of the examination separated by stating that anyone having signed on to the security agreement shall not provide escort/proctor duties, 2) to add a statement of understanding of the process and consequences of violating the security requirements, emphasizing the candidate's role in examination security. This statement is signed by the candidates(s). All Operations Training Instructors have been trained in the AG-016 revisions discussed above.

4. Corrective actions which will be taken to prevent further violations:

All corrective actions taken have been identified under item 3) above. The effectiveness of these corrective actions will be closely monitored during the upcoming initial license examination development process for the August 10, 1998 Reactor Operator/Senior Reactor Operator upgrade examination. The Training Department Manager will provide a written report to plant management verifying the effectiveness of the corrective actions.

5. The date when full compliance was or will be achieved:

Full compliance was achieved on September 9, 1997, when the simulator examination scenarios were changed. All corrective actions identified under item 3) above have been implemented. There are no further outstanding items at this time.

