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Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject: Crystal River Unit 3
Docket No. 50-302
Operating License No. DPR-72
NUREG-0612, Control of Heavy Loads

Reference: Letter 3F1183-21 dated November 23, 1983 from G. R. Westafer, FPC
to H. R. Denton, NRC

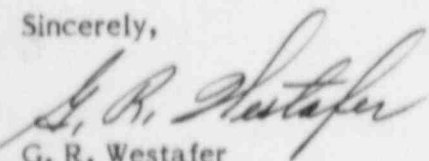
Dear Sir:

The referenced letter submitted the NUREG-0612 Nine Month Report for Crystal River Unit 3. In this report, Florida Power Corporation indicated that the maximum lift height for the reactor vessel head assembly when it is above the reactor vessel would be five feet. In order to comply with this maximum lift height, both fuel handling bridges must be stored in the deep end of the fuel transfer canal.

As a comparison of the dates shown, the results of the NUREG-0612 Nine Month Report had not been finalized at the end of the last outage, which was July, 1983. As a result, the fuel handling bridges were not stored at the deep end of the fuel transfer canal prior to replacing the reactor vessel head as is now required. It is, therefore, not possible to comply with the maximum lift height of five feet for the Refuel V reactor vessel head removal. The method for head removal that has been used in each of the previous refueling outages will be utilized.

Prior to replacing the reactor vessel head at the end of Refuel V, both fuel handling bridges will be stored at the deep end of the fuel transfer canal. This storage configuration will allow the maximum lift height of five feet to not be exceeded when the reactor vessel head is removed during Refuel VI.

Sincerely,


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