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The Honorable Richard L. Ottinger, Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy Conservation and Power
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed for your information is an announcement that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has mitigated a \$40,000 civil penalty proposed on February 2 of this year for violations of NRC radiation protection requirements at Florida Power and Light Company's (FP&L) Turkey Point nuclear plant.

It is planned to mail this information to the news media today, December 6, 1984.

Sincerely,

Carlton Kammerer, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure:
As stated

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NRC STAFF MITIGATES PROPOSED FINE AGAINST FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has mitigated a \$40,000 civil penalty proposed on February 2 of this year for violation of NRC radiation protection requirements at Florida Power and Light Company's (FP&L) Turkey Point nuclear plant near Homestead, Florida.

NRC initiated the enforcement action because of an incident in October 1983 when two workers entered a locked, high radiation area of Turkey Point Unit 3 without obtaining a required radiation work permit. Both workers received radiation exposures, but not in excess of NRC limits.

Richard C. DeYoung, Director of the NRC Office of Inspection and Enforcement, informed FP&L in a letter that the fine is being fully mitigated following an analysis of the company's response to the proposed action, two enforcement conferences with FP&L officials, and several on-site reviews. He said NRC's review has confirmed that the violation did occur and that its severity was correctly assessed originally by the staff. Mr. DeYoung added NRC remains concerned that adequate management controls be maintained and that "continued steady progress" be made in radiation protection.

He said, however, that he is exercising his discretion to mitigate the civil penalty because the company reported the incident immediately, promptly investigated the circumstances, took extensive corrective action and implemented other long-range actions to improve the health physics program at Turkey Point.

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