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SUBJ: EPA's Objection to Proposed Title V Permit for
Gulf Power - Smith Plant, Permit Number 0050014-001-AV

Dear Mr. Fancy:

The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge the receipt of the State of Florida's proposed title V permit for the Gulf Power Company - Smith Plant, which was posted on DEP's web site on November 8, 1999. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 has completed its review of the proposed permit and believes that the State has sufficiently addressed each of the comments made by Region 4 on the draft permit. Therefore, EPA does not plan to object to this permit. Please note, however, that our opportunity for review and comment on this permit does not prevent EPA from taking enforcement action for issues that were not raised during permit review. After final issuance, this permit may be reopened if EPA or the permitting authority later determines that it must be revised or revoked to assure compliance with applicable requirements.

We commend the efforts of your staff for facilitating the resolution of the permit issues. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Mr. Gregg Worley, Chief, Operating Source Section at (404) 562-9141.

Sincerely,

R. Douglas Neeley, Chief
Air and Radiation Technology Branch
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cc: Mr. Robert G. Moore, Gulf Power Company

12/8/99 cc - *Scott Shepley*
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