

Sheplak, Scott

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Subject: Progress Energy Florida, Inc, d/b/a Florida Power Corporation - Higgins Plant: 1030012-005-AV

I reviewed the RAI response letter, dated September 11, 2007. My comments follow:

1. In the response to the repairing of emission units 005 (turbine 2) and 007 (turbine 4), the facility provides a more specific repair date of May 2008 (May 31, 2008) for the fuel oil pump system. The extended date is not of great concern since they can not operate on fuel oil until the unit is repaired. When the compliance plan is placed in the permit, they should be required to test within 30 days of repair, and not the 90 days they proposed in the application.
2. The facility responded that the best operational practice for these units during periods of operational problems is to shut the unit down and repair. I called Ann Quillian, on 9/26/07 to confirm that they were committing themselves to shutting the unit down without any time to adjust the unit. She confirmed that their practice is to shut the units down, because continued use could damage the unit.

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