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Mr. Syed Arif
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Air Resources Management
Twin Towers Office Building
2600 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee, FL 3299-2400

Dear Mr. Arif:

As you are aware, Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SECI) received a letter from the Department back on December 24, 1997 (copy attached) giving us approval to conduct a test burn on "Power Flame No.2 Diesel Fuel". However, the approval was tied to the receipt of our final Title V permit issuance. SECI is currently working within our sixth time extension and have not received a redraft from the Department, even though all technical issues appear to be resolved with staff.

Due to the uncertainty as to when our Title V permit issuance will occur, SECI is requesting that we be allowed to move forward with our test burn of this diesel product, independent of Title V permit issuance. We currently have one of our onsite ignition oil tanks empty and we would like to receive and burn 150,000 gallons of "power flame". The test will last approximately 2-3 months in order to evaluate the handling and burning characteristics of the fuel under various conditions.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter and I look forward to your concurrence. If you have any questions or require any additional information please call me at (813) 963-0994.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Roddy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mike Roddy
Environmental Engineer

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Attachment



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Lawton Chiles
Governor

Twin Towers Office Building
2600 Blair Stone Road
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Virginia B. Wetherell
Secretary

December 24, 1997

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Mike Roddy
Environmental Engineer
Seminole Electric Cooperative
Incorporated (SECI)
16313 North Dale Mabry Highway
Post Office Box 272000
Tampa, Florida 33688-2000

Re: Seminole Power Units 1 and 2, Palatka
Test Burn of a blended diesel fuel product

Dear Mr. Roddy:

This Department has reviewed your request to conduct a test burn of a blended diesel fuel product and has determined that the request will not require a NSPS review or a PSD modification. This decision is based on the fact that SECI's draft Title V permit, which will tentatively be finalized by February 1998, provides the authority to the facility to burn used oil in the amount of 500,000 gallon/year/unit.

The current PSD permit also authorizes use of No. 2 fuel oil for start up, flame stabilization, and reserve capability requirements. The request to use the Geotech Corporation product "Power Flame No. 2 Diesel Fuel", which is a 50%/50% blend of on-specification re-refined used oil and virgin No. 2 fuel oil meets the requirements of Title V and PSD permits.

Therefore, SECI may conduct the test burn after the facility has been issued the final Title V permit. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Syed Arif at (850)488-1344.

Sincerely,

A. A. Linero, P.E.
Administrator
New Source Review Section

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