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SUBJECT: ST. LUCIE PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 — BULLETIN 2002-01, "REACTOR
PRESSURE VESSEL HEAD DEGRADATION AND REACTOR COOLANT
PRESSURE BOUNDARY INTEGRITY," 15-DAY RESPONSE
(TAC NOS. MB4571 AND MB4572)

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You provided your 15-day Bulletin response by letter dated April 2, 2002, for the St. Lucie Plant, Units 1 and 2. On May 14, 2002, the NRC staff conducted a conference call with members of your staff to confirm and verify the information that was provided in your 15-day response to Bulletin 2002-01. The staff finds that you have provided the requested information, and has concluded that your plants do not appear to have conditions similar to those which led to the degradation at Davis-Besse.

We will complete a full review of your response to Bulletin 2002-01 after we review your response to Items 2 and 3 of the Bulletin.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 50-335
and 50-389

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