



STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

2600 BLAIR STONE ROAD
TWIN TOWERS OFFICE BUILDING
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32301

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August 1, 1978

JOSEPH W. LANDERS, JR.
SECRETARY

Mr. Howard D. Zeller
Deputy Director
Enforcement Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
345 Courtland Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Dear Mr. Zeller:

Re: Request for Comments, Gulf Power
Company 316(b) demonstration
study, Scholz Steam Plant,
FL0002283; Jackson County

I apologize for not commenting sooner, but it took some time to locate our copy of the subject study.

Our department's biology section has evaluated the study and finds it basically provides literature review without presenting any actual data on impingement or entrainment at the site. Ordinarily no conclusions would be possible without this information, however, due to the small size of the power plant, the velocity of stream flow and the fact that only 1-2% of the stream flow is being circulated through the plant, the department is inclined to accept the proposition that the plant is not being operated in a manner that causes substantial impact on the biota and the department believes that substantial damage has not occurred.

If you need further comments, please let me know.

Sincerely,


Mickey D. Bryant
NPDES Administrator

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cc: N.W. District