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Mr. G. O. Layman
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Gulf Power Company
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Pensacola, Florida 32520

Re: Notice of Violation
NPDES Permit No. FL0002283
Scholz Plant

Dear Mr. Layman:

This is to notify you that your facility is in violation of the above referenced NPDES permit as follows:

The August 1982 DMR shows pH violations of the minimum pH requirement for the ash pond (002). This has been a periodic problem for which the measures mentioned in your April 29, 1982 letter have not been fully successful. Therefore, please expand on the steps being taken as described in your September 27, 1982 letter including when completion of this work is expected. Also evaluate whether additional caustic feed capacity or better controls are needed.

Until such time as you achieve compliance with all conditions of your NPDES permits, you are considered to be in violation of and subject to enforcement actions pursuant to Section 309 of the Clean Water Act.

If you have specific questions as to the requirements of your permit, please contact me at 404/881-7428.

Sincerely yours,

Peter T. McGarry, P.E.
Chief, Florida/Mississippi Unit
Industrial Operations Section

cc: Mrs. Victoria J. Tschinkel, Secretary
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November 15, 1982

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Office of the Secretary

Dear Mr. McGarry,

Re: Notice of Violation
NPDES Permit FL 000 2283

We are in receipt of your letter of November 5, 1982, which contained a notice of violation for the August, 1982, Discharge Monitoring Report of the Scholz Electric Generating Plant, NPDES FL 000 2283. The notice referred to a violation of the minimum pH requirement at the ash pond discharge and requested a further explanation of corrective measures mentioned in previous correspondence.

Our April 29, 1982, letter detailed the problem of pH control at Plant Scholz and described corrective measures of caustic addition into one collection sump and the rerouting of a drain line from that sump to the upper section of the ash pond. Our September 27, 1982, letter described work to increase the retention time in the ash pond and allow for greater treatment. Even with these control measures, during periods of heavy rainfall the present treatment methodologies cannot neutralize all of the coal pile runoff and the subsequent input into the ash pond can cause the pH at the ash pond discharge to exceed the lower limit.

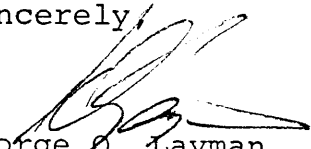
Therefore we are again revising our treatment scheme by instituting additional caustic injection at two locations; 1) the northwest coal pile runoff sump and 2) the ash pond overflow weir immediately prior to discharge. We have been injecting caustic into the southeast coal pile runoff sump for some time now so adding caustic into the northwest sump will mean that all of the coal pile runoff will be treated prior to discharge to the ash pond. The installation of a caustic injection system at the ash pond overflow weir will help ensure compliance by acting as a "polishing" step for any variance in the pH not accounted for in the caustic treatment of either the coal pile runoff or ash sluice water.

Mr. Peter T. McGarry
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Attached is a flow chart showing the construction schedules for the new caustic feed systems. As can be seen, the injection system for the northwest lift station should be installed and operational by January 15, 1983. The installation of the system at the overflow weir will take a little longer with an operational date of March 7, 1983 expected. Also attached is a general arrangement drawing showing the existing and proposed caustic injection points.

The installation of these new systems will help ensure compliance with the ash pond pH standards. If you have any questions concerning our efforts, please call.

Sincerely,



George O. Layman

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Attachment

cc/att: Mr. Robert V. Kriegel

cc: Victoria J. Tschinkel