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Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
345 Courtland Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30365

Attn: Ms. Alice Crosby

Dear Ms. Crosby:

This office is currently evaluating the public notices referenced below. We would appreciate receiving additional materials to facilitate our review; including (1) copies of applications, (2) fact sheets or statements of basis, (3) draft permits, (4) project location maps, and (5) any additional information that may, in your judgement, relate to impacts upon fish and wildlife resources.

<u>Name</u>	<u>NPDES No.</u>	<u>Public Notice No.</u>	<u>Date</u>
Sam O. Purdom Generating Station City of Tallahassee Wakulla County, FL	FL0025526	92FL0056	8/6/92
Lansing Smith Generating Station Gulf Power Corporation Bay County, FL	FL0002267	92FL0054	8/6/92
Sholz Electric Generating Station Gulf Power Company Jackson County, FL	FL0002283	92FL0042	7/23/92
Floridin Company Havana, FL	FL0037851	92FL0042	7/23/92
Scottstown, FL	FL0038466	92FL0042	7/23/92
Jamieson, FL	FL0038482	92FL0042	7/23/92
Shady Rest, FL	FL0038474	92FL0042	7/23/92
Quincy, FL	FL0038458	92FL0042	7/23/92
Quincy, FI	FL0002577	92FL0042	7/23/92
Branchville, FL	FL0039101	92FL0042	7/23/92
Showell Farms, Inc. Walton County, FL	FL0002453	92FL0051	7/23/92

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. For further information in this matter, you may contact Ms. Diane Bateman of this office at (904)769-0552.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gail A. Carmody". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gail" being more prominent.

Gail A. Carmody
Project Leader

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CC Karrie ~~Joe~~ Shell

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To whom it may concern,

I have several concerns involving Gulf Powers proposed N.P.D.E.S. permit for discharges into the Escambia River.

Groundwater around their ash piles shows contamination with radionuclides. This groundwater must not be allowed to affect surface waters downgrade from the ash piles. Stormwater from the ash pile area must also be prevented from entering the river and bay.

Their surface water discharge has high levels of mercury, iron, and zinc. The concentration of these metals must be reduced. Bass in the Escambia River have already shown unhealthy levels of mercury, according to state agencies. Oyster beds downstream may soon be affected by these metals. Oysters in Mobile Bay already have high levels of zinc in their tissues, I hope Escambia Bay can be spared this extra stress.

The discharge is of high enough temperature that extensive biological studies are needed to determine the effect it has on the river.

Gulf Power should also increase the frequency of their in stream sampling.

I hope E.P.A. will consider my comments when developing a plan to protect our river from Gulf Power's discharge.

Thank you for hearing my comments.

Sincerely,

Michael Jordan
3810 Arbutus Dr.
Pensacola, Fl 32504