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April 21, 1980

Mr. John C. Lank
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U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
345 Courtland Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Re: Notice of Violation
NPDES Permit FL 000 2283
Scholz Electric Generating Plant

Dear Mr. Lank:

We have received your Notice of Violation of April 15, 1980, regarding certain violations of the NPDES permit for Plant Scholz during the February sampling month. The violations were noted on the transmittal letter for the Discharge Monitoring Reports along with an explanation for the cause of the exceptions and corrective action taken. In review, we responded as follows:

1. The chemical composition of the fly ash at Plant Scholz has caused problems in meeting the minimum pH standard at the ash pond (Serial No. 002) discharge for several months. Caustic has been added to the ash pond during ash sluicing to neutralize the water. No violations were recorded during the March sampling month. Efforts are now underway to install a permanent caustic injection system to prevent future violations.
2. The iron limit for unit one boiler blowdown (Serial No. 004) was violated due to the units coming on line just prior to sampling. The units at Plant Scholz are not base load units and consequently come off and on line according to peak load demands. This practice causes turbid conditions

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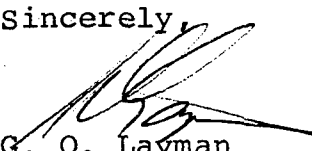
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2. in boiler water and frequently will cause a violation of the boiler blowdown limits. Boiler blowdown is discharged to the ash pond where any suspended iron or copper settles out.

During the four years that Gulf has been reporting under the NPDES permit for Plant Scholz, we have noted the name of the discharge on a separate pages of the permit. We will, however, begin adding the discharge serial number to the DMRs as requested.

If any questions should arise concerning our response to the Notice of Violation, please call.

Sincerely,



G. O. Layman

LRH:jw

cc: G. W. Burton
P. J. Doherty
M. D. Bryant ✓



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Mr. G. O. Layman
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Re: Notice of Violation
NPDES Permit No. FL002283
Scholz Generating Plant

Dear Mr. Layman:

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

The minimum effluent limitation for pH was not met for serial no. 002 in February 1980 and the effluent limitation for iron for serial no. 004 was exceeded in January 1980 as noted on your discharge monitoring reports.

The discharge serial numbers are not being reported on your discharge monitoring reports.

Until such time as you achieve compliance with all conditions of your NPDES permit, you are considered to be in violation of and subject to enforcement actions pursuant to Section 309 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1319).

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John C. Lank, Jr.".

John C. Lank, Jr., P.E.
Chief GA/FL Compliance Group
Water Enforcement Branch
Enforcement Division

cc: Florida Dept. of Environmental Regulation