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December 29, 1999

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Dear Mr. Hatcher:

NPDES Permit FL0002283 - 2000 Plant Scholz Ash Pond Certification

As required by Part III, Condition F. of the above referenced permit, this letter serves to certify that the Scholz ash pond dike and toe areas were periodically inspected for structural integrity during 1999. During this past year, there were no breaches or structural defects observed that resulted in a discharge to surface waters of the United States.

Also attached is the year 2000 detention volume certification for the Scholz ash pond. A physical survey of the pond was conducted in April 1997. The current available retention buffer space has been calculated based on the amount of ash going into the pond and the amount of ash that has been removed since that survey.

As you will note, after allowing for the maximum 24-hour wet and dry weather flows going to the pond as well as for the total projected ash for 2000, an additional buffer area of 37,258 cubic yards will be available.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Rachel Terry at (850) 444-6127.

Sincerely,

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