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November 19, 1999

Mr. James Vick
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One Energy Place
Pensacola, Florida 32520

RE: Permit Revision (Minor)
Wastewater Permit FL0002283
Gulf Power Company (GP) - Scholz Plant

Dear Mr. Vick:

The Department has received your application dated August 23, 1999 requesting a minor revision of Wastewater Permit FL0002283 to allow the use of hydrazine as an oxygen scavenger and ammonia for pH adjustment in the Plant Smith boiler water feed system. The Department hereby approves this request and this letter constitutes a minor revision to your Wastewater Permit authorizing the addition of hydrazine and ammonia in the Plant Smith boiler feed system. This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

During normal steam generator operation the facility may continuously feed hydrazine into the boiler feedwater system so as to achieve a target residual concentration in the range of 0.01 to 0.05 mg/l at the final feedwater sample point. In addition, ammonia may also be used at a maximum residual concentration of 1.0 mg/l in the boiler water system during normal operation. Under these conditions additional monitoring at the point of boiler blowdown to the ash pond is not required.

During long term steam generator storage the facility may dose the boilers with hydrazine and ammonia at higher concentrations not to exceed 500 mg/l and 10 mg/l, respectively. At the end of the storage period any drainage water from the boilers shall be discharged to the ash pond. Only one boiler shall be drained at a time. The facility shall keep records of long term storage and drainage events including:

- 1) When the long term storage begins and number of days of storage,
- 2) Volume and duration of drainage from the boilers, and
- 3) Concentration of ammonia and hydrazine in the drainage water.

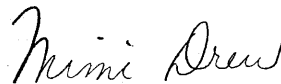
At the completion of each drainage event the facility shall notify the Department and provide the above information concerning the storage and drainage event.

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The Department has determined that the use of hydrazine and ammonia as described in your application constitutes a minor modification of the Plant Scholz operations pursuant to rule 62-620.200(23), F.A.C., and can be authorized by a minor permit revision pursuant to rule 62-620.330, F.A.C.

This letter shall be attached to your existing wastewater permit. All conditions of Permit FL0002283 shall remain in effect except as revised above. If you object to this permit revision you may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with the enclosed Notice of Rights. If a petition is filed, then this permit revision does not become effective. If you have any questions about this permit revision, please contact Tim Parker of the Industrial Wastewater Section at 904/488-4522.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mimi Drew".

Mimi Drew
Director
Division of Water Resource Managemnet

Enclosure

cc: Bill Evans - DEP/Pensacola

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

A person whose substantial interests are affected by this permit revision may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) in accordance with Section 120.57, Florida Statutes. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400, within 14 days of receipt of this Permit. A petitioner, other than the applicant, shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated in the attached letter at the time of filing. Failure to file a petition within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right such person may have to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Section 120.57, Florida Statutes.

The Petition shall contain the following information:

- (a) The name, address, and telephone number of each petitioner, the applicant's name and address, the Department Permit File Number and the county in which the project is proposed;
- (b) A statement of how and when each petitioner received notice of the Department's action or proposed action;
- (c) A statement of how each petitioner's substantial interests are affected by the Department's action or proposed action;
- (d) A statement of the material facts disputed by Petitioner, if any;
- (e) A statement of facts which petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the Department's action or proposed action;
- (f) A statement of which rules or statutes petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the Department's action or proposed action; and
- (g) A statement of the relief sought by petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wants the Department to take with respect to the Department's action or proposed action.

If a petition is filed, the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate agency action. Accordingly, the Department's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this intent. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any decision of the Department with regard to the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding. The petition must conform to the requirements specified above and be filed (received) within 14 days of receipt of this intent in the Office of General Counsel at the above address of the Department. Failure to petition within the allowed time frame constitutes a waiver of any right such person has to request a hearing under Section 120.57, F.S., and to participate as a party to this proceeding. Any subsequent intervention will only be at the approval of the presiding officer upon motion filed pursuant to Rule 28-5.207, F.A.C.