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SUBJECT: Scholz Electric Generating Plant, Wastewater Permit # FL0002283
Warning Letter #32-1329, Nickel in Ground Water MW-210MD

Dear Mr. Vick:

Thank you for the timely submission of the document titled "Nickel Study for Monitor Well MW-210MD Scholz Electric Generating Plant" in response to the Department's concern regarding the presence of nickel in ground water at Gulf Power's Scholz Plant in Jackson County.

The Department has reviewed the results of Gulf Power's July 2 report mentioned above and agrees with the conclusions of the Study that the elevated nickel reported in MW-210 is from naturally occurring conditions and is not a result of the Scholz Plant site operations. Therefore, no further enforcement action initiated by Warning Letter #32-1329 will be pursued by the Department regarding the elevated nickel levels in MW-210MD as possible ground water violations.

Your cooperation in resolving this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Barbara Ruth at (850) 595-8300.

Sincerely,

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Director of District Management

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