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September 25, 2003

Mr. James Vick, Supervisor of Environmental Affairs
Gulf Power Company
One Energy Place
Pensacola, FL 32520

RE: Gulf Power Company. – Scholtz Plant
Permit Number FL0001503
Expiration Date: January 15, 2003

Dear Mr. Vick:

A review of our records indicates that the GPC Scholtz Plant industrial wastewater permit will expire on April 12, 2004. Rule 62-620.335, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), *Renewals*, requires submittal of a renewal application 180 days before expiration of the permit. A permit renewal application that is "timely and sufficient" extends the effectiveness of the current permit until the Department takes final action on the renewal application.

The renewal application for the GPC Scholtz Plant industrial wastewater permit is due on or before October 15, 2003. If the renewal application is submitted by this date the effectiveness of the current permit will be extended until the Department takes final action on the renewal application. If the renewal application is submitted after this date it may still be considered "timely and sufficient" if it is submitted and made complete before the permit expiration date.

We encourage you to submit the application as early as possible so as to allow sufficient time to complete the application and avoid a violation of Florida Statutes. It is a violation of Florida Statutes to operate a wastewater treatment system without a permit.

The appropriate forms for renewing your wastewater permit are available on the internet at www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wastewater/forms.htm. A minimum of four copies of all applications and supporting documents must be filed with the Department [Rule 62-620.310(3), FAC]. The appropriate permit application fee must accompany the application. The current fee for renewal of the above type of permit is \$7,500 [Rule 62-4.050(4)(C)1.a., FAC]. If you have any questions, please call me at (850) 245-8589.

Sincerely,

Allen Hubbard, P.E.
Industrial Wastewater Section

cc: Bill Armstrong, DEP-Northwest District

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