

January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Mr. Marc Harris  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
2600 Blair Stone Road  
Mail Station 3545  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400



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**Re: Ash Pond Certification for Plant Scholz (NPDES Permit FL0002283)**

Dear Mr. Harris:

As required by Condition VIII.D.1 of the above referenced permit, all impoundments at Plant Scholz were inspected no later than January 31, 2011 by qualified personnel with knowledge and training in impoundment integrity.

This letter serves to certify that, as required by Condition VIII.D.2 of the above referenced permit that no breaches or structural defects resulting in the discharge to surface waters of the State and that no changes were observed which may indicate a potential compromise to impoundment integrity during the previous calendar year. Although no potential compromises to impoundment integrity were observed in 2010, an area of seepage on the north dike was discovered during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2010. Gulf Power took steps to immediately address the issue such that the seepage is no longer observed.

Additionally, as required by Condition VIII.D.2, this letter serves to certify that the ash pond provides the necessary minimum wet weather detention volume to contain the combined volume for all direct rainfall and all rainfall runoff to the pond resulting from the 10-year, 24-hour rainfall event and maximum dry weather plant waste flows which could occur during a 24-hour period.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Susan Kennedy at (850) 444-6153.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James O. Vick".

James O. Vick  
Environmental Affairs Director

Cc: (electronic) Kenny Peacock – Plant Scholz  
Jora Maxwell – Plant Scholz  
Mike Markey – Gulf Power  
Kevin Beaty – Gulf Power

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