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FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY
SUSPENDS TURKEY POINT PLANT RESTART

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has requested Florida Power and Light Company to suspend activities involving restart of Turkey Point Unit 4 nuclear power plant in Dade County, Florida.

James Taylor, NRC Executive Director for Operations, said the company has agreed to shut down the plant following discussions between the NRC and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) about the current status of emergency planning offsite. The plant was being returned to service following Hurricane Andrew and was at about 30 percent power when NRC requested the shutdown. Unit 3 already was shut down for refueling.

In view of the damages done to the surrounding area by the hurricane, further consideration is being given by FEMA and NRC to the status of emergency planning in the area near Turkey Point. The nuclear portions of both Units 3 and 4 at Turkey Point were not damaged by the hurricane.

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