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NRC COMMISSIONER TO VISIT ST. LUCIE NUCLEAR PLANT ON NOVEMBER 16

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commissioner Dr. Nils J. Diaz will visit Florida Power & Light Company's St. Lucie nuclear power plant on Friday, November 16, to tour the facility and discuss its operation with company officials.

Commissioner Diaz will be available to meet with interested news media representatives at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the plant visitor and training center, located adjacent to the plant.

Commissioner Diaz was first sworn in as a commissioner of the NRC on August 23, 1996 for a five-year term and nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate on October 4 of this year for a second five-year term.

Before joining the NRC, Dr. Diaz was a professor of nuclear engineering at the University of Florida and director of the Innovative Nuclear Space Power and Propulsion Institute, a national consortium of universities and industry, which he founded, He also was president of Florida Nuclear Associates, Inc., a high technology research and consulting firm.

Dr. Diaz received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Villanova, in Cuba, and both Master of Science and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Florida in nuclear sciences.

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EDITORS: Electronic and print reporters who desire to meet with the commissioner at 2:00 p.m. Should arrange to be at the site at least one-hour early for processing through security. Reporters should go to Gate B.