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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-498/00-01; 50-499/00-01

We are issuing a corrected cover letter and Attachment page for the subject NRC Inspection Report to clarify the cover letter and to correct an NRC inspection procedure reference. Please replace the originally issued pages in the report with the ones enclosed. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

Sincerely,

**/RA/**

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E-Mail report to NRR Event Tracking System (IPAS)

E-Mail report to Document Control Desk (DOCDESK)

E-Mail notification of report issuance to the STP SRI and Site Secretary (NFO, LAR).

E-Mail notification of issuance of all documents to Nancy Holbrook (NBH).

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Dear Mr. Cottle:

This refers to the inspection conducted on January 24-27, 2000, at the South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and 2 facilities. The purpose of the inspection was to review the radioactive effluent waste programs and the release of radioactive materials from the radiological controlled area. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection.

Overall, the liquid and gaseous radioactive effluent waste programs and the release of radioactive materials from the radiologically controlled area were effectively implemented. However, based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that two Severity Level IV violations of NRC requirements occurred. One of the violations pertained to the radioactive effluent waste programs, the other involved the release of radioactive material from the radiologically controlled area. These violations are being treated as noncited violations (NCVs), consistent with Section VII.B.1.a of the Enforcement Policy. These NCVs are described in the subject inspection report. If you contest the violation or severity level of these NCVs, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington DC 20555-0001, with copies to the Regional Administrator, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region IV, 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 400, Arlington, Texas 76011, the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; and the NRC Resident Inspector at the South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and 2 facilities.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosure(s), and your response, if requested, will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

**ATTACHMENT**

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

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LIST OF INSPECTION PROCEDURES USED

IP 84750	Radioactive Waste Treatment, and Effluent and Environmental Monitoring
IP 83750	Occupational Radiation Exposure

LIST OF ITEMS OPENED AND CLOSED

Opened and Closed

50-499/0001-01	NCV	Failure to survey and control radioactive material released from the radiologically controlled area
50-498; 499/0001-02	NCV	Failure to perform an Offsite Dose Calculation Manual audit