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Change QA-044 to the Operations Quality Assurance Plan Revision 14

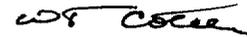
The South Texas Project submits the attached change (QA-044) to the Operations Quality Assurance Plan. This change reflects an organization realignment that consolidates the functions of Emergency Response and Communications with the Security and Access Authorization function into a new organization, Plant Protection. This moves the responsibility for Security and Access Authorization from the Vice President, Engineering & Technical Services to the Vice President, Business Services. The senior management of the Plant Protection department will report to the Vice President, Business Services. This change also removes the responsibility for Contracts and Steam Generator Replacement functions as a specific area and consolidates it into the Purchasing & Material Management function. This function continues to report to the Vice President, Business Services.

This change also serves as a means of providing current guidance regarding an exception that was taken to ANSI N45.2.6, 1978. When the original exception was taken, the entire scope of inspection was the responsibility of the Quality organization. When the Nondestructive Examination (NDE) function was moved out of Quality into Engineering, the responsibility for the NDE inspection procedures were also moved from Quality to Engineering. The original exception to ANSI N45.2.6 indicated, "With the exception of receipt inspection, personnel may perform inspections, examination, and tests provided they are experienced, task qualified journeymen, or supervisors, who did not perform or directly supervise the activity being inspected, examined or tested. The individuals shall also receive training to the Quality organization's inspection procedure ..." Since a portion of the "inspection procedures" are no longer the responsibility of the "Quality organization," change QA-044 reflects that the required training is to the applicable inspection procedures, in accordance with a Quality approved training program, rather than specifying an organization.

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This change does not represent a reduction in commitment of the Operations Quality Assurance Plan per 10CFR50.54(a) and no unreviewed safety questions are created as a result of the change. These changes will be incorporated in the Operations Quality Assurance Plan in the next biennial update.

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES
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<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>TEXT</u>
TOC	CH. 1.0	INSERT	QA-044
	CH. 2.0	INSERT	QA-044
	CH. 10.0	INSERT	QA-044
CH. 1.0	5.1.3	DELETE	plant protection
	5.1.4	DELETE	emergency response and communications and contracts & steam generator replacement
	5.1.4	INSERT	plant protection
	Attachment 1	DELETE	plant protection function under the V.P. Engineering & Technical Services
	Attachment 1	DELETE	emergency response and communications and contracts & steam generator replacement functions under the V.P. Business Services
	Attachment 1	INSERT	plant protection function under the V.P. Business Services
CH. 2.0	Table 1 ANSI N45.2.6, 1978	DELETE	Quality organization's under Basic program, section 1.2
	Table 1 ANSI N45.2.6, 1978	INSERT	applicable and change process to processes under Basic program, section 1.2
CH. 10.0	5.1.3.2	DELETE	Quality organization's
	5.1.3.2	INSERT	applicable and change process to processes