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William T. Cottle, President and
Chief Executive Officer
STP Nuclear Operating Company
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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF INVESTIGATION (OI 4-1999-052)

Dear Mr. Cottle:

This letter is in reference to an investigation conducted by the NRC Office of Investigations (OI) regarding activities at the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2. The OI investigation was initiated to determine whether an STP employee was the subject of harassment for reporting safety concerns.

Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, testimony, and document reviews, the allegation was not substantiated. The NRC plans no further action regarding this investigation and considers this case closed. Enclosed for your reference and information is a copy of the synopsis from OI 4-1999-052.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,


Ken E. Broskman, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosure: As stated

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated on September 28, 1999, by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI), Region IV (RIV), to determine if an Instrument & Controls (I&C) Technician, Unit 2, Maintenance Department, employed at the South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company's (STPNOC) South Texas Project (STP) was the subject of employment discrimination by management for reporting safety concerns.

Based on a review of the testimony, documentary evidence developed during the investigation, and coordination with the RIV technical staff, the allegation that an I&C Maintenance Technician at STP was the subject of employment discrimination by management for reporting safety concerns was not substantiated.

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Case No. 4-1999-052