

**PRIORITY ATTENTION REQUIRED MORNING REPORT - REGION IV DECEMBER 18, 2001**

**Licensee/Facility:**

Houston Lighting & Power Co.  
South Texas 1  
Wadsworth, Texas  
Dockets: 50-498  
PWR/W-4-LP

**Notification:**

MR Number: **4-01-0006**  
Date: 12/18/01

**Subject:** STP, UNIT 1 ESSENTIAL COOLING WATER PUMP "C" DECLARED INOPERABLE  
DUE TO STRAINER CLOGGED WITH NUMEROUS SMALL FISH

**Reportable Event Number:** N/A

**Discussion:**

On December 1, 2001, the licensee started the Unit 1 Standby Train C of ECW. Immediately after starting the pump, operations personnel noted that discharge pressure and flow were approximately zero. Further investigation determined that the ECW pump discharge strainer had become clogged with small fish.

A Special Inspection Team has been dispatched to better understand the cause and/or phenomena of the ECW Pump/Strainer failure due to small fish in the ECW pond and bays. The team is also tasked with gaining a better understanding of the potential for a common cause failure. The inspection team entrance meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2001.

**Regional Action:**

Special Inspection Team dispatched to South Texas. The senior resident inspector has been designated as the team leader.

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