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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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South Texas Project
Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. STN 50-498, STN 50-499
Administrative Revision to Proposed Change to Radiation Monitoring Technical Specifications

References:

1. Letter from T. J. Jordan, STPNOC to NRC Document Control Desk dated July 29, 2002 (NOC-AE-01001309)
2. Letter from J. J. Sheppard, STPNOC to NRC Document Control Desk dated November 5, 2001 (NOC-AE-01001146)

In Reference 1, STP Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC) submitted a proposed amendment to revise various Technical Specifications governing radiation monitoring instrumentation to eliminate the associated shutdown action requirements and relax certain other restrictions. In Reference 2, STPNOC submitted a proposed amendment to the Administrative Requirements of the Technical Specifications.

NRC approval of both proposed amendments is imminent. Reference 1 would add a requirement to ACTION 39 and ACTION 40 to submit a report in accordance with Specification 6.9.2; however, approval of Reference 2 will eliminate references to Specification 6.9.2 in requirements for reports. By this letter, STPNOC is supplementing Reference 1 to make the administrative change to delete the proposed reference to Specification 6.9.2 and make the wording consistent with Reference 2. Because of the administrative nature of the change, the previously submitted evaluations and determinations of no significant hazards are not affected.

The affected pages incorporating the proposed changes from both references are attached.

STPNOC requests 120 days for implementation of the amendment after it is approved.

The STPNOC Plant Operations Review Committee and Nuclear Safety Review Board have reviewed and concurred with the proposed change to the Technical Specifications.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 50.91(b), STPNOC is notifying the State of Texas of this request for license amendment by providing a copy of this letter and its attachments.

If there are any questions regarding the proposed amendment, please contact Mr. A. W. Harrison (361) 972-7298 or me at (361) 972-7902.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on March 27, 2003.
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Attachments:

1. Technical Specification Pages with Proposed Changes Incorporated

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ATTACHMENT 1

**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION PAGE WITH
PROPOSED CHANGES INCORPORATED**

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TABLE 3.3-10 (Continued)

ACTION STATEMENTS (Continued)

- ACTION 39 - a. With the number of OPERABLE channels one less than the Total Number of Channels requirements, restore one inoperable channel to OPERABLE status within 30 days, or submit a Special Report within the next 14 days outlining the preplanned alternate method of monitoring, the cause of the inoperability, and the plans and schedule for restoring the inoperable instrumentation channels to OPERABLE status.
- b. With the number of OPERABLE channels less than the Minimum Channels OPERABLE requirements, restore at least one inoperable channel to OPERABLE status within 7 days, or submit a Special Report within the next 14 days outlining the preplanned alternate method of monitoring, the cause of the inoperability, and the plans and schedule for restoring the inoperable instrumentation channels to OPERABLE status.
- ACTION 40 - a. With the number of OPERABLE channels less than the Minimum Channels OPERABLE requirements and with a functional diverse channel, restore at least one inoperable channel to OPERABLE status within 30 days, or submit a Special Report within the next 14 days outlining the preplanned alternate method of monitoring, the cause of the inoperability, and the plans and schedule for restoring the inoperable instrumentation channels to OPERABLE status.
- b. With the number of OPERABLE Channels less than the Minimum Channels OPERABLE requirements and with the diverse channel not functional, restore at least one inoperable channel to OPERABLE status within 7 days or submit a Special Report within the next 14 days outlining the preplanned alternate method of monitoring, the cause of the inoperability, and the plans and schedule for restoring the inoperable instrumentation channels to OPERABLE status.
- ACTION 41 - a. With the number of OPERABLE channels one less than the Required Number of Channels, either restore the system to OPERABLE status within 7 days if repairs are feasible without shutting down or submit a Special Report within 30 days following the event outlining the action taken, the cause of the inoperability and the plans and schedule for restoring the system to OPERABLE status.
- b. With the number of OPERABLE Channels one less than the Minimum Channels OPERABLE in Table 3.3-10, either restore the inoperable channel(s) to OPERABLE status within 48 hours if repairs are feasible without shutting down or:
1. Initiate an alternate method of monitoring the reactor vessel inventory;
 2. Submit a Special Report within 30 days following the event outlining the action taken, the cause of the inoperability and the plans and schedule for restoring the system to OPERABLE status; and
 3. Restore the system to OPERABLE status at the next scheduled refueling.

TABLE 3.3-10 (Continued)

ACTION STATEMENTS (Continued)

- ACTION 42 - a. With one required channel inoperable, restore the required channel to OPERABLE status within 30 days; otherwise, a Special Report shall be submitted within the next 14 days. The report shall outline the replanned alternate method of monitoring, the cause of the inoperability, and the plans and schedule for restoring the instrumentation channels to OPERABLE status.
- b. With two required channels inoperable, restore one required channel to OPERABLE status within 7 days; otherwise, be in HOT STANDBY within 6 hours, and in HOT SHUTDOWN in the next 6 hours.

- ACTION 43 - a. With the number of OPERABLE channels two less than the Total Number of Channels requirements, restore the inoperable channel to OPERABLE status within 31 days, or be in at least HOT SHUTDOWN within the next 12 hours.
- b. With the number of OPERABLE channels three less than the Total Number of Channels requirement, restore at least one inoperable channel to OPERABLE status within 7 days, or be in at least HOT SHUTDOWN within the next 12 hours.
- c. With the number of OPERABLE channels less than the Minimum Channels Operable requirement, restore at least one inoperable channel to OPERABLE status within 48 hours or be in at least HOT SHUTDOWN within the next 12 hours