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Mr. E. William Brach  
Director, Spent Fuel Project Office  
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Brach:

As you are aware, the H. B. Robinson Nuclear Plant staff has recently completed a major site initiative involving the construction of a new Dry Fuel Storage Facility that will have a substantial positive effect on our ability to continue to safely operate the plant.

It goes without saying that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is integrally involved with licensees in the course of such projects. In specific regard to the Robinson Dry Fuel Storage Facility, a number of licensing actions have been processed on an expedited basis, thereby allowing our loading campaign to be completed prior to our fall refueling outage.

We are quick to recognize our own employees for performance excellence, but seldom recognize those behind the scenes who facilitate the regulatory framework that underpin major projects requiring licensing actions.

Toward that end, I wish to recognize and to thank the employees in the Spent Fuel Project Office and Licensing and Project Management Division for their assistance in providing us with the licensing products necessary for our spent fuel loading campaign. Our interactions with the NRC staff on these matters have been both professional and timely.

In closing, the employees of the H. B. Robinson Nuclear Plant share the NRC's commitment to nuclear and personnel safety during all phases of the nuclear fuel cycle. The addition of our new dry fuel storage installation is a key element in maintaining that commitment.

Sincerely,

c: Mr. Luis A. Reyes, Executive Director for Operations

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