

December 26, 2007

Mr. James J. Sheppard
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SUBJECT: SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT UNIT 2 - COMPLETION OF ACTIONS FOR
CONFIRMATORY ACTION LETTER NRR-07-009 (TAC NO. MD4187)

Dear Mr. Sheppard:

On March 27, 2007, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Confirmatory Action Letter (CAL) No. NRR-07-009 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML070790336) regarding dissimilar metal welds in the pressurizer at South Texas Project (STP), Units 1 and 2. This letter acknowledges receipt of your letter dated May 1, 2007 (ADAMS Accession No. ML071280220), informing the NRC of actions taken in response to this CAL.

In your letter, you stated that STP Nuclear Operating Company (the licensee) completed the ultrasonic examination for the STP Unit 2 pressurizer nozzle safe-end weld overlays during the recent STP Unit 2 refueling outage (2RE12). The weld overlays examined were the pressurizer spray, relief, safety, and surge nozzle safe-end weld overlays.

Based on your letter, the NRC staff concluded that all the commitments listed in the CAL and the supporting commitment letter dated February 22, 2007 (ADAMS Accession No. ML070600123), have been met for STP Unit 2. With respect to STP Unit 2, no further response is required regarding the CAL and it is no longer necessary to implement enhanced inspection and leakage monitoring requirements for the reactor coolant system.

Thank you for informing us of the actions documented in your letter. These actions may be examined during a future NRC inspection of your facility.

Since the CAL addressed both STP units, it will remain open until all CAL commitments pertaining to STP Unit 1 are complete.

Current NRC guidance regarding CALs is contained in the NRC Enforcement Policy and the NRC Enforcement Manual, which are available at the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement.html> (click on Enforcement Policy or Enforcement Guidance) or by contacting the Government Printing Office (GPO) toll-free at 1-888-293-6498. The GPO is open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays).

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and your response will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's document system (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html>.

This action closes TAC No. MD4187. If you have any questions, please contact Mohan C. Thadani by telephone at (301) 415-1476, or by email at mct@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Catherine Haney, Director
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