

July 23, 2009

Mr. Scott Head, Manager
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STP Nuclear Operating Company
P. O. Box 289
Wadsworth, TX 77483

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION LETTER NO. 160 RELATED TO
SRP SECTION 09.02.04 FOR THE SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT COMBINED
LICENSE APPLICATION

Dear Mr. Head:

By letter dated September 20, 2007, STP Nuclear Operating Company (STP) submitted for approval a combined license application pursuant to 10 CFR Part 52. The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is performing a detailed review of this application to enable the staff to reach a conclusion on the safety of the proposed application.

The NRC staff has identified that additional information is needed to continue portions of the review. The staff's request for additional information (RAI) is contained in the enclosure to this letter.

To support the review schedule, you are requested to respond within 30 days of the date of this letter. If changes are needed to the safety analysis report, the staff requests that the RAI response include the proposed wording changes.

S. Head

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If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, I can be reached at 301-415-8484 or by e-mail at Tom.Tai@nrc.gov or you may contact George Wunder at 301-415-1494 or George.Wunder@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Request for Additional Information No. 2550 Revision 2

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South Texas Project Units 3 and 4
South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Co
Docket No. 52-012 and 52-013
SRP Section: 09.02.04 - Potable and Sanitary Water Systems
Application Section: Section 9.2.4

QUESTIONS for Health Physics Branch (CHPB)

09.02.04-1

The onsite wells supply the source of water for the input to the Potable and Sanitary Water system supplying STP Units 3 & 4, per 9.2.4.2.2(2). This well water also supplies the Sewage Treatment System which is shared by all four STP Units 1, 2, 3 and 4, per 9.2.4.2.2(8). This "Raw" water is pumped from groundwater wells into the potable water storage tank, per 9.2.4.2.3.1 and is then utilized by plant workers in the emergency eye wash stations and the shower stations without being sampled or monitored prior to use.

- 1) Why is there no provision to sample and analyze this site well water periodically for radioactive contamination to ensure that any contamination from operation of STP Units 1, 2 3 & 4 has not and will not be introduced into the well water to be used by the STP non-radioactive potable water system?
- 2) How will the determination that this well water is not contaminated prior to use be made long term?

Request for Additional Information No. 2556 Revision 2

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South Texas Project Units 3 and 4
South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Co
Docket No. 52-012 and 52-013
SRP Section: 09.02.04 - Potable and Sanitary Water Systems
Application Section: FSAR 9.2.4

QUESTIONS for Health Physics Branch (CHPB)

09.02.04-2

FSAR Figure 9.2-9

- a) What are the Monitoring Facilities, listed on Figure 9.2-9?
- b) What is the effluent release point associated with the "DISCHARGE" listed on this drawing? Is it the MCR? It is not noted on the drawing.
- c) Is there any effluent sampling system, or effluent analyses to be performed on the "Discharge" point on the drawing?