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South Texas Project
Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. STN 50-498, STN 50-499
Notification of Upgrading of the Inservice Inspection Program for
ASME Section XI, Subsections IWE and IWL

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(4)(ii), the STP Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC) has updated the South Texas Project Inservice Inspection Program Plan for ASME Section XI Subsections IWE (Class MC) and IWL (Class CC) for Units 1 and 2. This update is applicable to the second inspection interval for Subsection IWE and the third inspection interval for Subsection IWL, beginning September 9, 2009.

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(4)(ii), the second interval inservice inspection program for Subsection IWE and the third interval inservice inspection program for Subsection IWL will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the 2004 Edition No Addenda of ASME Section XI. South Texas Project inservice inspection for ASME Section XI, Subsection IWE during the second interval will include examination of Class MC and metallic liners of Class CC components. Inservice inspection for ASME Section XI, Subsection IWL during the third interval will include examination of Class CC Concrete Components. "Inservice Inspection Program Plan for Examination of Components Supports, Concrete Containment, Containment Metal Liner, Repair/Replacement Activities, Steam Generator Tubing, System Pressure Testing and Weld Inspections of the South Texas Project Electric Generating Station Units 1 and 2," addresses those items selected for inservice inspection examination, and provides examination scheduling information. The Inservice Inspection Program Plan and supporting documentation are available for audit at the South Texas Project site [10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(ii)(B)].

Alternative requirements to the 2004 Edition No Addenda of Section XI code incorporated into the second interval Inservice Inspection Program Plan for Subsection IWE and the third interval Inservice Inspection Program Plan for Subsection IWL consist of:

- (1) Section XI Code Cases currently approved in Regulatory Guide 1.147 (Revision 15);
- (2) Relief requests for code requirements that result in a hardship or unusual difficulty without a compensating increase in the level of quality or safety [10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(ii)]: and

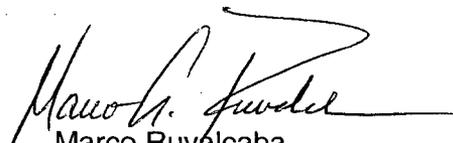
- (3) Modifications of ASME Section XI specified in 10 CFR 50.55a(b)(2)(ix) through (b)(2)(ix)(I) for IWE, and 10 CFR 50.55a(b)(2)(viii) through (b)(2)(viii)(G) for IWL.

Relief requested for the second interval Inservice Inspection Plan for Subsection IWE and the third interval Inservice Inspection Plan for Subsection IWL will not be implemented until approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The Inservice Inspection Program Plan addressing ASME Section XI Subsection IWE for the second interval and IWL for the third interval complies with the requirements of the 2004 Edition No Addenda of the Section XI Code except for the applicable code cases listed in Table 1 (attached).

There are no commitments in this letter.

If there are any questions, please contact either Philip L. Walker at (361) 972-8392 or me at (361) 972-7904.


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Attachment: Table 1, Adopted Code Cases Approved in Regulatory Guide 1.147

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Table 1

Adopted Code Cases Approved in Regulatory Guide 1.147

| Code Case | Title | Affected Program |
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| N-649 | Alternate Requirements for IWE-5240 Visual Examination, Section XI, Division 1 | IWE |