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SUBJECT: SAFETY EVALUATION FOR CHAPTER 2 REGARDING THE SOUTH TEXAS
PROJECT COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION REVIEW

Dear Mr. Head:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is preparing a Safety Evaluation (SE) report with open items (OIs) for each chapter of the South Texas Project Units 3 & 4 Combined License Application (COLA) submitted by STP Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC) on September 20, 2007.

The staff's SE for Chapter 2, "Site Characteristics" has been provided to the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) Subcommittee to support the upcoming meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee, scheduled to be held on November 30, 2010.

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