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We appreciate Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's effort to follow the suggested format in FSME Procedure SA-900. If during our review it is determined that additional information is required, we will contact you.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Duncan White at 301-415-2598 or duncan.white@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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