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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL PLANT-SPECIFIC
SUPPLEMENT 48 TO THE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT FOR LICENSE RENEWAL OF NUCLEAR PLANTS REGARDING
SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. ME5122, ME5123,
ME4938, AND ME4939)

Dear Mr. Rencurrel:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed the final plant-specific Supplement 48 to NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants" (GEIS), regarding the renewal of Operating Licenses NPF-76 and NPF-80 for an additional 20 years of operation for the South Texas Project (STP). Enclosed is a copy of the final supplement and the associated *Federal Register* notice of availability. This notice advises the public that the final supplement is publicly available at the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. The accession number for the final Supplement 48 to the GEIS is ML13322A890. In addition, the Bay City public library at 1100 7th Street, Bay City, TX 77414 has agreed to make the final supplement available for public review.

As discussed in Section 9.4 of the final supplement, the staff determined that the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal for STP are not great enough to deny the option of license renewal for energy planning decision makers. This recommendation is based on: (1) the analysis and findings in the GEIS; (2) information provided in the environmental report and other documents submitted by STP Nuclear Operating Company; (3) consultation with Federal, state, local, and tribal government agencies; (4) the NRC's own independent environmental review; and (5) consideration of public comments received during the scoping process and on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement.

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A separate notice of availability of the final supplemental environmental impact statement will be placed in the *Federal Register* through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the NRC License Renewal Project Manager, Mr. Tam Tran at (301) 415-3617 or by e-mail at Tam.Tran@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,



Brian D. Wittick, Chief
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499

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ADAMS Accession Nos.

- 1. Letter: **ML13253A163**
- 2. *Federal Register* Notice: **ML13252A402**
- 3. *Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants: Supplement 48 to NUREG-1437*: **ML13322A890**
- 4. Package: **ML13266A254** *concurrence via e-mail

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