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SUBJECT: FINAL SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT FOR THE SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT  
UNITS 3 AND 4 COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION

Dear Mr. Head:

The draft Final Safety Evaluation Report (FSER) for the South Texas Project (STP), Units 3 and 4, combined license application is being provided to Nuclear Innovation North America, LLC. for review of proprietary information and security-related information pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 2.390 “Public Inspections, Exemptions, Requests for Withholding.” The staff concludes that the draft FSER related to Chapter 19, Attachment A, contains security-related information and the staff has prepared a security-related version of the draft FSER, which will be transmitted separately.

The staff concludes that Sections 13.6, “Physical Security,” and 13.8, “Cyber Security,” do not contain security-related sensitive unclassified non-safeguards information (SR-SUNSI) and that these sections can be released to the public. However, the staff will withhold the attached draft FSER from public disclosure pending your confirmation that the information does not include SR-SUNSI.

The staff concludes that the remaining portions of the draft FSER do not contain any information for which exemption from public disclosure has been sought or approved or any factual errors. However, the NRC will withhold the non-security-related or nonproprietary draft FSER from public disclosure until you complete your review to verify the staff’s conclusion that the draft FSER contains no such exempt information or any factual errors. The staff requests that you complete this review by September 28, 2015.

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An FSER will be provided to you and will be submitted to the Commission in preparation for the Mandatory Hearing, after correcting any factual errors identified as part of your review. The NRC staff's issuance of this draft FSER does not constitute a commitment to issue the Combined License, or in any way affect the authority of the Commission in any rulemaking proceeding pursuant to Subpart H of 10 CFR Part 2 and Subpart C to 10 CFR Part 52.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Tom Tai, Lead Project Manager at 301-415-8484 or via e-mail address at [Tom.Tai@nrc.gov](mailto:Tom.Tai@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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