

April 22, 1992

Docket Nos. 50-498  
and 50-499

Mr. Donald P. Hall  
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Dear Mr. Hall:

SUBJECT: SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT UNITS 1 AND 2, RELIEF FROM ASME SECTION XI CODE  
REQUIREMENT (TAC NOS. M82912 AND M82913)

By letter dated April 21, 1992, we granted the subject relief request. Page 2  
of the Safety Evaluation did not include reference to the correct basis for  
the granting of the relief. We have enclosed the corrected page for insertion  
into your copy. The area of change is indicated by a marginal line.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

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### 3.0 EVALUATION

The alternate testing proposed by the licensee and routine monitoring of the ECW system during operation provide adequate assurance of system integrity while the increased availability of the ECW system provided by not performing the hydrostatic testing is desirable in terms of improving plant safety.

Based upon its review of the licensee's submittal, the staff has concluded that relief from the Code hydrostatic testing requirements for the ECW system is appropriate pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i) due to the proposed actions providing an acceptable level of quality and safety and that the granting of such relief is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property, or the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest.

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Dated: April 21, 1992