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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NRC INSPECTION FINDINGS
SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT ELECTRIC GENERATING STATION
DOCKET NOS. 50-498/78-17 AND 50-499/78-17

Dear Mr. Seidle:

The following is Houston Lighting & Power Company's (HL&P) response to the deviation identified in IE Inspection Report Nos. 50-498/78-17 and 50-499/78-17 dated December 21, 1978.

Reporting of Cadwelder Qualification Inspection and Test Results by Level I Inspector

1) Comments

A thorough review of cadwelding records had been requested by our personnel on November 3, 1978, and has been in process since that time. One of the items included on the checklist for this review was to ensure that a Level II Cadwelding Inspector signed reports. At the time this deviation was observed by the IE Inspector, the Cadwelder Qualification Inspection and Test Results records had been checked out of the storage facility and were being reviewed for completeness and accuracy.

2) Corrective Action Taken

The review of Cadwelder Qualification Inspection and Test Results and necessary corrections were completed as of January 19, 1979.

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3) Recurrence Control

Written instructions for issuing inspection and/or test results were provided. These instructions require review, evaluation and signature by Level II inspectors. In addition, Record Review Specialists provide a second check that documents are properly approved before they are accepted as records.

The completion date for the corrective action was January 19, 1979. The recurrence control has been implemented and will be an on-going process.

Very truly yours,



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