



**UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
REGION IV  
1600 EAST LAMAR BOULEVARD  
ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76011-4511**

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**May 16, 2018**

**Mr. G. T. Powell  
Interim President and CEO/CNO  
STP Nuclear Operating Company  
P.O. Box 289  
Wadsworth, TX 77483**

**SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF INVESTIGATION (OI 4-2017-018)**

**Dear Mr. Powell:**

This refers to an investigation conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Office of Investigations regarding activities at the South Texas Project Electric Generating Station. The Office of Investigations initiated the investigation to determine whether a former contract fire watch lead had been discriminated against for raising safety concerns.

Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, the concern that the former contract fire watch lead was discriminated against for raising safety concerns was not substantiated. The NRC plans no further action related to the discrimination aspect of this allegation and considers this investigation closed.

You should note that final NRC documents may be made available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act subject to redaction of information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. Requests under the Freedom of Information Act should be made in accordance with 10 CFR 9.23, Requests for Records. Information is accessible from the NRC's website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/foia/foia-request.html#how>.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Michael Vasquez".

**G. Michael Vasquez, Team Leader  
Allegation Coordination and Enforcement Staff**

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