

# Houston Lighting & Power Company

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SUBJECT: SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT ELECTRIC GENERATING STATION  
RESPONSE TO NRC INSPECTION FINDINGS  
DOCKET NOS. 50-498/79-15 AND 50-499/79-15

Dear Mr. Seidle:

The following is Houston Lighting & Power Company's (HL&P) response to the item of noncompliance identified in IE Inspection Report Numbers 50-498/79-15 and 50-499/79-15, dated October 19, 1979.

A. Failure to Follow Concrete Consolidation Procedure

Corrective Action

The lack of vibrator penetration referenced by the Resident NRC Inspector in Report 79-15 has to do with leveling the "as-placed" concrete prior to the process of vibration. This is a common practice and was explained to the Resident NRC Inspector by the Brown & Root (B&R) roving inspector. The Brown & Root roving inspector did direct the area to be re-vibrated as an initial reaction to the Resident NRC Inspector's observation; however, in subsequent discussions with the construction foreman, it was determined that the vibrator operator was leveling concrete in accordance with his instructions. The concrete received a thorough vibration subsequent to the leveling process, as called for by procedure, and this was verified by Brown & Root Quality Control Inspectors.

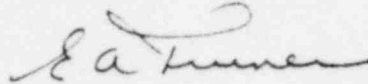
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Recurrence Control

Personnel involved with NRC interface have been reminded to thoroughly evaluate observations made by others and to react in accordance with established project procedures in order to minimize misunderstandings and overreactions.

Very truly yours,



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