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Gentlemen:

This refers to the team inspection conducted by NRC personnel and NRC consultants during the period September 18-22, 1989, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License Nos. NPF-76 and NPF-80 for South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2, and to the discussion of our findings with Messrs. S. L. Rosen and R. W. Chewing other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection included the programs which were implemented to ensure compliance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.49, for environmental qualification of electrical equipment important to safety. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

During this inspection, it was found that certain of your activities were in violation of NRC requirements. Consequently, you are required to respond to these violations, in writing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Your response should be based on the specifics contained in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter.

The response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

An unresolved item related to the qualified lifetimes of certain solenoid operated valves is discussed in paragraph 4.c(1) of the enclosed report.

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By  
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report  
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