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SUBJECT: SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT ELECTRIC GENERATING STATION
REVISED RESPONSE TO NRC INSPECTION FINDING
DOCKET NOS. 50-498/77-03 and 50-499/77-03

Dear Mr. Seidle:

In our previous response to NRC Inspection 77-03 associated with concrete aggregate gradation records, we committed to having Pittsburgh Testing Laboratory (PTL) establish a formal rotation of testing personnel on a regular basis. This was done to ensure that no individual PTL inspector had responsibility for the same activity over a long period of time.

Because of the natural attrition of testing lab personnel and the specialized training required for each activity, we have elected to utilize the following system which revises our commitment to 77-03.

1. A system of reviews and multi-tiered supervision has been implemented in which all Level I technicians are under supervision by a certified Level II technician. Reports received from Level II personnel are again checked by the cognizant senior Level II and assistant manager/document supervisor. Additionally there is a check/review by a Brown & Root (B&R) Quality Control surveillance inspector prior to final review and transmittal to the B&R Quality Assurance vault.
2. Personnel with a higher degree of education and/or background experience have been assigned to the aggregate section.

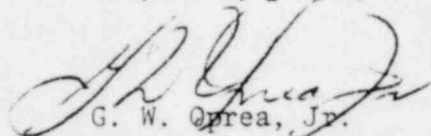
We believe that this method of recurrence control is a better mechanism for assuring accurate records in that it places the responsibility on PTL supervision.

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This revision has been discussed with Mr. H. S. Phillips, the Resident Reactor Inspector at the South Texas Project site.

Very truly yours,



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