

# The Light company

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Dear Mr. Seyfrit:

South Texas Project  
Units 1&2  
Docket Nos. STN 50-498, STN 50-499  
Fourth Interim Report Concerning  
the Stop Work Order on Safety-Related Welding

On April 11, 1980, pursuant to 10CFR50.55(e), Houston Lighting & Power Company notified your office of a stop work order issued on safety-related welding at the South Texas Project site.

The current status of safety-related welding is:

- (1) AWS: The normal production AWS welding program is progressing in accordance with our December 30, 1980 letter as authorized by your letter of January 5, 1981. Normal production AWS welding and related activities were resumed at the site on January 5, 1981.
- (2) ASME: On March 25, 1981, Houston Lighting & Power requested an extension of the limited work authorization for ASME safety-related welding. This request identified ASME production welding which could be conducted during a twelve (12) week period starting on March 30, 1981. The work request also identified the buildings and systems for which work was scheduled.

On March 31, 1981, authorization was received by yourself to proceed with the twelve (12) week ASME welding program based upon the continuing implementation of controls identified in your November 21, 1980 letter.

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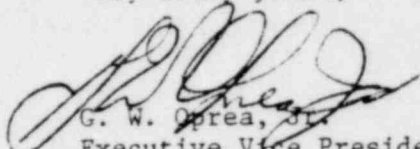
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The next report will be submitted to your office by August 1, 1981.  
If there are any questions concerning this item, please contact Mr. Michael  
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Very truly yours,



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