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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dennis M. Crutchfield, Associate Director  
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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NRC STAFF DIFFERING  
PROFESSIONAL OPINION ON COMANCHE PEAK

In accordance with your request of October 10, 1989 concerning the recently completed Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance process and board, I am submitting this letter for your review.

After reviewing this proposed SALP report and having been present during the recent meeting of the SALP Board, I still agree with my original assessment of the SALP Board findings, THE SALP REPORT IS AN ACCURATE REPORT OF THE LICENSEE'S PAST PERFORMANCE. No individual has provided me with any speculative or concrete evidence contrary to the findings of the proposed SALP report.

Based on having been involved with numerous other facilities SALP processes, I firmly believe that the SALP process and board meeting was both accurate and a fair assessment as defined within the scope of NRC Manual Chapter NRC-0516, and was conducted within the guidance of Appendix B of this chapter.

I would like to state that I believe the SALP Board process for Comanche Peak was correctly conducted. The novice SALP participant should realize that the SALP process is an integration of numerous and sometimes diverse views and opinions, information is carefully considered and voted on by each member of the SALP Board, not a single individual but as a group, to ensure that one individual's opinion does not have a negative effect on our mission, "Public Health and Safety."

In closing, I have every confidence in the accuracy and outcome of the recent SALP Board results and the methodology used to accomplish this goal.

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Should you have any questions or comments concerning any of my statements, please feel free to call me at 615-365-5488.

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