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SUBJECT: PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS - APPEALS BOARD DECISION, SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT

The enclosed Appeal Board Decision in the South Texas Project case is an important one with regard to protection of confidentiality of informants and allegers. Although the decision supports the staff position, the dissenting opinion points out some of the cautions we should observe in informing allegers or informants of the limitations in our ability to protect their anonymity (See Section 2, pp 23-24).

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