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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-498/93-13; 50-499/93-13

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. C. J. Paulk and Ms. P. A. Goldberg of this office on March 22-26, 1993. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your South Texas Project facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress. The results of this inspection are documented in the enclosed report.

During this inspection, NRC determined that there was a long delay (approximately 1 year) in preparing motor-operated valve maintenance procedures. Maintenance procedures, which in February 1992, were in development, still had not been approved and released for use at the time of this inspection. Part of the justification in 1992 for voiding a station problem report was that the procedures were in development. Further examples of repeat motor-operated valve maintenance activities also were identified and are similar to the symptomatic repairs identified in NRC Inspection Report 50-498/93-08; 50-499/93-08. NRC considers these to be further examples of corrective action weaknesses that previously have been identified in other recent NRC inspection reports and have resulted in enforcement action.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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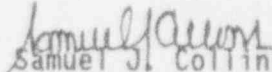
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Should you have any questions concern inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,


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Enclosure:

Appendix - NRC Inspection Report
50-498/92-13 w/Attachments
50-499/93-13 w/Attachments

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