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Dr. Ivan Sellin
Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Chairman Sellin:

I am aware that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has a diagnostic evaluation team conducting a review of the South Texas Nuclear Project. In addition, members of my staff have had a series of meetings over the last year in which complaints about the plant have been brought to their attention.

In every instance in which the state of Texas has been asked to establish an independent review of the South Texas Nuclear Project, we deferred to your agency. We believe it is a far better use of the taxpayers' money to have the appropriate oversight agency perform its duties, rather than create a duplicate effort.

The state of Texas believes the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's diagnostic evaluation team can assess and determine the causes of the many problems your agency has acknowledged currently exist at that facility. With that regulatory oversight duty goes the burden of accountability. We would expect your agency to assume responsibility for ensuring that any problems identified during the evaluation are corrected, and that sufficient oversight and enforcement are maintained to prevent the development of any future problems.

I look forward to receiving the report of your diagnostic team. Please have your office contact Roger Mulder of my staff at 512/463-2198 if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann W. Richards".

ANN W. RICHARDS
Governor

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