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Gentlemen:

This is to inform you of our plans to escort three representatives of GOSPROMATOMNADZOR USSR on a visit to your South Texas Plant site on November 13, 1990 (GOSPROMATOMNADZOR (GPAN) is the USSR equivalent of the U.S. NRC). The three GPAN representatives will be in the U.S. as guests of the NRC during the approximate period of November 4-December 8, 1990, and will be hosted by the NRC Region IV Office during November 7-15. Their visit to the U.S. is part of the 1990 inspector-exchange program (the first was conducted during the summer of 1989), which is included in the Protocol of the third meeting of the Joint Coordinating Committee on Civilian Nuclear Reactor Safety (JCCCNRS) signed by the NRC and GPAN in Moscow during October 1990.

The names and titles of our Soviet guests are:

Anatoly I. Demjanenko, Head of the Southwest Regional Office of GPAN (in Kiev, Ukraine)

Victor P. Koltunov, Head of the GPAN Site Inspection Office at the six-unit Zaporozhye Nuclear Power Plant (located on the Dneiper River in southern Ukraine)

Andrey Y. Gluchov, region-based inspector in the Southwest Regional Office of GPAN (in Kiev)

The Soviet party will be accompanied by an interpreter supplied by the U.S. State Department and will be escorted by two or three NRC representatives from the Region IV office.

At this time we are scheduling a 4-hour visit to your site, beginning at about 8:00 a.m., on November 13. We intend to use the first hour for discussions and orientation in the NRC Resident's office. The remaining time is intended to be devoted to informal discussions with you and members of your staff and to a plant tour.

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In keeping with the overall mission of the 1990 inspector-exchange program, we request that you include in your discussions with the Soviet visitors the following topics:

- ° The general layout of the electrical grid supplied by the STP units and the general considerations that go into decisions on how the STP units are employed (e.g., outage scheduling, load-following considerations, buying/selling of electrical power with other utilities).
- ° Considerations that go into decisions on plant staff size and organization, and decisions on budget size and priorities.
- ° Effects of NRC requirements and inspections on your activities and decision-making process.
- ° Effects of other federal and state regulatory bodies on your activities.
- ° Roles played by industry organizations (e.g., INPO, NUMARC, Westinghouse Owners Group, Region IV Utilities Group) and their effect on your activities.
- ° Relationships with local governments and populations, particularly as they apply to the emergency preparedness process.
- ° Your perspective on the particular challenges faced attempting to operate a nuclear power plant safely and efficiently in today's U.S. society and economy.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me at (817/860-8106), as I will be acting as the Region IV project coordinator for the Soviet inspector visit.

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