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License Nos. NPF-76  
NPF-80

Houston Lighting & Power Company  
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. L. T. Ricketson and Dr. J. B. Nicholas of this office during the period December 11-14, 1990, of activities authorized by NRC Operating Licenses NPF-76 and NPF-80 for Units 1 and 2 of the South Texas Project, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. S. L. Rosen and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection on December 14, 1990.

Areas examined during the inspection included portions of the liquid and gaseous radioactive waste management programs, confirmatory dose calculations of the offsite doses from radioactive waste effluents released to the environment, and the circumstances regarding the identification of falsified radiation surveys. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

As discussed in paragraph 9 of the enclosed inspection report, the NRC concludes that the falsification of radiological survey records constitutes a violation of 10 CFR Part 50.9, which stipulates that information required to be maintained by a licensee must be accurate. While the NRC does not condone violations of this nature, and in fact considers the falsification of any required record a most serious matter, the NRC staff does recognize Houston Lighting and Power Company's (HL&P) actions in regard to this matter.

Specifically, the NRC staff recognizes that HL&P initiated an investigation which resulted in the prompt discovery of this falsification, took prompt action to address the radiological concerns raised by this discovery, took significant disciplinary action against the individual involved, and informed the NRC of this matter. Therefore, exercise of the discretion in Section V.G. of the NRC Enforcement Policy (10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C) will be applied in this case and no citation will be issued. This decision was made after consultation with the Director of the Office of Enforcement and the Deputy Executive Director for Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Regional Operations and Research.

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\*Previously concurred.

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During the inspection, we identified some confirmatory calculation disagreements between your calculated offsite dose results for radioactive airborne radon, iodines, and particulates discharged to the environment and those calculated using our PC-DOSE computer code. The problem appeared to be differences in the computer codes used to calculate dose results. The dose result disagreements are discussed in paragraph 5.

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

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Enclosure:

Appendix - NRC Inspection Report  
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