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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT (50-498/91-01; 50-499/91-01)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. J. I. Tapia, and other members of the Region IV office, during the period January 2 through February 12, 1991. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2. 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 included plant status, onsite followup of events at operating power reactors, onsite followup of written reports of nonroutine events at power reactor facilities, operational safety verification, surveillance activities, monthly maintenance activities, refueling activities, and evaluation of licensee quality assurance program implementation. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

Within the scope of the inspection, violations or deviations were identified.

During this inspection, several events appeared to have been caused by a lack of procedural guidance or inattention to detail. Additionally, a lack of procedural guidance resulted in two instances of recording the wrong electrolyte level during safety-related battery surveillances. This problem was not discovered for several days even though the surveillance results had been previously reviewed by several operations and maintenance personnel. We understand that the Operational Improvement Plan (OIP) was developed, in part, to reduce the likelihood of future events which have been caused by these types of recurring problems. We will review the implementation of the OIP during future inspections in order to assess its effectiveness in correcting these types of problems.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

Appendix - NRC Inspection Report
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