Docket Nos. 50-498 50-499 License Nos. NPF-76 NPF-80

Houston Lighting & Power Company ATTN: Donald P. Hall, Group Vice President, Nuclear P.O. Box 1700 Houston, Texas 77251

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-498/91-32; 50-499/91-32

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The inspection involved the review of certain areas of your physical security program.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the inspection report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that one of your activities was not being conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The violation involves the failure to search hand carried items entering the protected area. We are concerned about this violation because it involves the possibility of allowing unauthorized material into the protected area.

In addition, four areas of concern involving assessment aids, testing and maintenance, the perimeter intrusion detection system, and your review of records and reports are discussed in paragraphs 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, and 5 of the report. You provided commitments regarding these concerns during the exit meeting on December 13, 1991. Please advise us if our delination of your commitments is different than what you intended.

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We have also examined actions you have taken with regard to previously identified inspection findings. The status of these items is identified in paragraph 2 of the enclosed report.

The material enclosed herewith contains Safeguards Information (SGI) as defined by 10 CFR Part 73.21 and its disclosure to unauthorized individuals is prohibited by Section 147 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. Therefore, the material, with the exception of the Notice of Violation and the report cover page which is an inspection summary, will not be placed in the Public Document Room.

response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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

Sincerely,

"Original Signed by:"

A. Bill Beach, Director Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation 2. Apendix B - NRC Inspection Report 50-498/91-32 50-499/91-32

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