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Gentlemen:

This refers to the NRC's Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) of the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2, Construction Permit CPPR-128 and 129. The SALP Board met on January 25-26, 1984, to evaluate your performance for the period December 1, 1982, through November 30, 1983. The performance analyses, conclusions, and recommendations are contained in the enclosed SALP Board Report which was discussed with you at the STP site on May 10, 1984. Also enclosed is your response dated June 8, 1984, to the SALP Board report. I am now issuing these enclosures as an NRC report.

It is my view that the overall regulatory performance by Houston Power and Light Company at the South Texas Project has been satisfactory.

I have noted that the SALP Board judged your performance to be Category 1 in the areas of piping systems and supports, electrical power supply and distribution, and licensing activities. This high level of performance is worthy of mention.

I also have noted that the SALP Board found your performance in three areas to be in Category 3. These areas were soils and foundation, corrective action and reporting, and material control. While performance in this category rating meets minimum standards, it points out the need for additional management attention and oversight on your part. In your letter of June 8, 1984, you set out some of the actions you propose to improve performance in these areas, and I agree that if you carry out the actions as proposed, we could expect to see improvement in these areas.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

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No reply to this letter is required; however, should you have any questions concerning these matters, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,
Original signed by
John T. Collins

John T. Collins, Regional
Administrator, Region IV

Enclosure:

1. NRC Report 50-498/83-26, 50-499/83-26
Report of the STP SALP Board
dated April 20, 1984
2. HL&P letter (Oprea, HL&P to Collins, NRC)
dated June 8, 1984

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