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Docket Nos. 50-498
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License Nos. NPF-76
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-498/92-32; 50-499/92-32

Thank you for your letter of February 14, 1992, in response to our letter and Notice of Violation dated January 27, 1992. We have reviewed your reply and find it responsive to the concerns raised in our Notice of Violation. We will review the implementation of your corrective actions during a future inspection to determine that full compliance has been achieved and will be maintained.

Sincerely,

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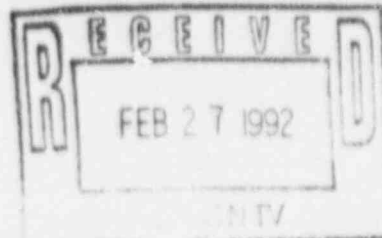
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South Texas Project
Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. STN 50-498 and STN 50-499
Reply to Notice of Violation 9132-03 Regarding Failure
to Search Hand Carried Items Entering the Protected Area

Houston Lighting & Power Company (HL&P) has reviewed Notice of Violation 9132-03 dated January 27, 1992, and submits the attached reply.

If you should have any questions please contact Mr. C. A. Ayala at (512) 972-8628 or me at (512) 972-7205.

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Attachment: Reply to Notice of Violation 9132-03

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I. Statement of Violation:

Condition 2 of the Facility Operating Licenses NPF-76 and NPF-80 require [sic] that Houston Lighting and Power Company fully implement and maintain in effect all provisions of the physical security [sic], guard training and qualifications [sic], and safeguards contingency plans [sic] previously approved by the Commission and all amendments and revisions to such plans made pursuant to the authority granted under 10CFR50.90 and 10CFR50.54(p).

Paragraph 5.3.3.1 of the physical security plan requires that all hand carried items shall be searched by a member of the security force (either physically searched by hand or electronically searched by x-ray device) at the entrance of the protected area for devices such as firearms, explosives, incendiary devices, or other items which could be used for radiological sabotage.

Contrary to the above, on December 12, 1991, the inspector observed personnel processing through the explosive and metal detectors carrying various size cups and plastic mugs, then obtaining their security badge/keycard and entering the protected area. At no time were any cups or mugs x-rayed or checked by a member of the security force.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement III) (498/9132-03; 499/9132-03)

II. Houston Lighting & Power Position:

HL&P admits that the violation occurred.

III. Reason for Violation:

The requirements in Access Control procedure OSDP03-ZS-0027 were in conflict with the Physical Security Plan requirements. The procedure incorrectly permitted hand carried spillable items such as cups of coffee into the protected area without being physically searched by a security officer or electronically searched by x-ray examination. Spills inside the x-ray machine resulted in damage to the machines. The spillable items were considered to be adequately searched if successfully processed through the explosive and metal detectors.

IV. Corrective Actions:

1. The Access Control procedure was revised to remove the note which exempted certain hand carried items from search.

2. A bulletin was issued to plant personnel indicating that spillable items are no longer permitted through the search area into the protected area. The items are only permitted entry if they are in a sealed container which will allow proper search by x-ray examination.
3. A review of the Physical Security Plan (PSP) is currently being conducted to verify that all PSP requirements are being implemented in Security Department procedures. The review is scheduled to be completed by June 4, 1992.

V. Date of Full Compliance:

HL&P is in full compliance at this time.

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