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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-498/95-24; 50-499/95-24

This refers to the maintenance reliability initiative inspection conducted by Messrs. L. E. Ellershaw, C. J. Paulk, and G. E. Werner of this office on October 16-27, November 6-8, and 13-16, 1995, at the South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, facility. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

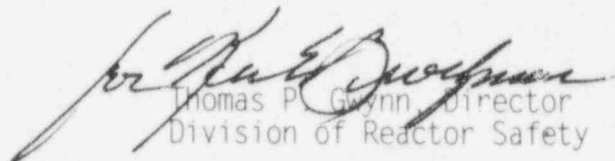
Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress. The results of this inspection are documented in the enclosed report.

One unresolved item was identified concerning the continued operability of residual heat removal pumps given the observed impeller cracking. This matter is discussed in Section 4.1 of the enclosed inspection report.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,


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