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Discontinuance of Nuclear Security Department
Internal Assessment Program

Reference: Letter from J. H. Goldberg to USNRC dated
June 22, 1988 (ST-HL-AE-2704)

Houston Lighting & Power Company (HL&P) plans to discontinue the Nuclear Security Internal Assessment Program described in Appendix F of the referenced correspondence. This Internal Assessment Program is unique to Nuclear Security. It was established at a time when substantial upgrades were being done to the STPEGS Security Program. Those conditions no longer exist, and such a program is no longer needed.

The annual audit of Nuclear Security by Quality Assurance and the periodic surveillances of Nuclear Security by Quality Assurance provide an adequate assessment of security activities. Also, the oversight performed by Quality Assurance is independent in nature. This provides a more objective perspective than an internal assessment, and the results are more available for station management review. Elimination of the redundant assessment program in Nuclear Security will allow HL&P to allocate resources to activities where they will be more effective.

This change is also consistent with action HL&P is taking to organize the Nuclear Security Department so that it is more focused on the physical security of the facility and not burdened with ancillary tasks.

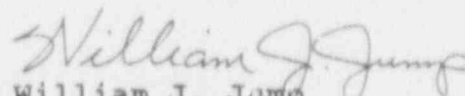
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This change does not affect any of the STP Security Plans.

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