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SUBJECT: SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF LICENSEE PERFORMANCE (SALP)  
REPORT 50-445/95-99; 50-446/95-99

Enclosed for your review is the SALP report for the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station for the period of May 29, 1994, through November 25, 1995. A public meeting to discuss this report with you and your staff has been scheduled for 9 a.m. on January 19, 1996, at the Personnel Processing Center at the Comanche Peak facility. During this meeting you are encouraged and expected to candidly comment on our report. Although this meeting is a forum between Texas Utilities and the NRC, it will be open to observation by members of the public and other interested parties.

In accordance with NRC policy, I have reviewed the recommendations resulting from the SALP Board and I concur with the ratings and the views. The functional area of engineering was rated as Category 2, which indicates overall good safety performance. The functional areas of operations, maintenance, and plant support were rated as Category 1, which reflects superior safety performance. I am encouraged by the continued improvements in safety performance at Comanche Peak, particularly the progress you made in the areas of operations and maintenance, and your continued strong performance in the area of plant support. The Category 2 performance rating in the area of engineering is a decline from the previous SALP period and represents program shortcomings revealed during the current period.

The superior performance in the operations area represented a significant improvement and was marked by a strong safety focus, clear management support for operations, effective communication of management expectations, and strong management involvement in operator training. Operator professionalism and performance in routine operations and transient response has been excellent. However, there continue to be occasional lapses in attention to detail exercised by operations staff and an acceptance of a number of work-arounds. Continued management focus in these areas will be important to assure sustained, consistent superior performance.

The superior performance in the maintenance area was reflected in improvement in plant material condition, the absence of significant maintenance worker induced plant challenges, the reduction in the maintenance backlog, and a healthy customer service philosophy. You are encouraged to continue your efforts to further enhance work planning, procedure adherence, and individual attention to detail on both primary and secondary plant systems.

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In the engineering area, performance was good, representing a decline from the superior performance noted during the previous SALP period. Your engineering organization was found to be both knowledgeable and capable, having successfully implemented several design modifications to improve plant reliability. You continue to have a strong engineering capability; however, in arriving at the overall performance rating, the SALP Board considered the examples of less than thorough and timely evaluation of problems which affect operations and the instances where equipment performance information was not effectively tracked and used to improve reliability by predicting and preventing challenges to the plant, including those introduced from the balance-of-plant. Continued management attention is warranted in establishing clearly defined responsibilities and management expectations for system engineering, performance monitoring and trending, and improving the engineering support for operations and maintenance.

Performance in the plant support area continued to be superior as a result of minimal personnel exposures, exceptional housekeeping, and effective physical security capabilities. Although no biennial inspection of an emergency preparedness exercise was conducted during the rating period, some weaknesses were noted during a routine inspection. Establishing consistent attention to detail in certain of the sub-areas will help assure sustained superior performance.

The quality and depth of your self-assessments were strong, particularly in the operations, maintenance, and plant support areas. Your engineering self-assessment was performed late in the period, and had little opportunity to effect engineering performance improvements. To a large extent, your success in the above areas is attributable to line managers' recognition of the value of the self-assessment program as an effective tool to accomplish improvement in their activities.

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 SALP report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning the SALP report, I would be pleased to discuss them with you. While no written response is required to the SALP report, if you wish, you may provide written comments within 30 days of the SALP meeting.

Sincerely,



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