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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION NOS. 50-498/92-09; 50-499/92-09

This refers to the team inspection conducted by Mr. Nemen M. Terc of this office and other accompanying personnel during the period April 28 through May 1, 1992, of activities authorized for your South Texas Project Electric Generating Station.

At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection included the implementation of your emergency plan and procedures during your annual emergency response exercise. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

Within the scope of the inspection, no violations or deviations were identified.

Your staff's participation in the emergency exercise demonstrated that your emergency preparedness program and staff were prepared to protect the health and safety of the public. However, the enclosed inspection report identifies four areas of weakness in your emergency preparedness program. The weaknesses involved: delay in notifying offsite agencies, inadequacies in the protective action recommendation procedure, exposure of personnel to the plume during site evacuation, and inadequate medical care of an injured contaminated individual. The weakness pertaining to exposing evacuees to the radioactive plume is of particular concern to us because a similar weakness was identified during the 1991 exercise when exercise public announcements made to coordinate evacuees did not include information of existing radiological conditions (See Section 8 of the enclosed report).

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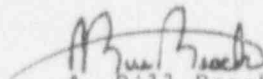
Exercise weaknesses according to 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix C.IV.F.5, are inspection findings that need to be corrected by the licensee. You are requested to provide this office with a description of your corrective measures and your schedule for completing these actions within 30 days after receipt of this letter.

We also examined actions you have taken with regard to previously identified inspection findings. The status of these items is identified in paragraph 2 of the enclosed report.

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

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

Sincerely,



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Enclosure:
Appendix - NRC Inspection Report
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