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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-498/92-08; 50-499/92-08 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. J. I. Tapia and other members of this office during the period March 15 through April 25, 1992. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2. 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 are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations of activities in progress.

On the basis of the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). This Notice discusses one example of an inadequate equipment clearance order. This violation was NRC identified and is of concern because the condition (as described in Section 5.2 of the enclosed report) represented a potential personnel and equipment safety hazard.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

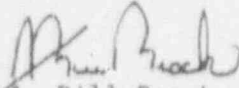
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In accordance with 10 CFR Part 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The response directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-511.

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

Sincerely,


A. Bill Beach, Director
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report, w/attachment
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