



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV

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Docket Nos. 50-498  
50-499  
License Nos. NPF-76  
NPF-80

Houston Lighting & Power Company  
ATTN: Donald P. Hall, Group  
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: MANAGEMENT MEETING

This refers to a special inspection conducted by Messrs. W. F. Smith, R. A. Kopriva, and J. I. Tapia of this office during the period May 26-29, 1992. The inspection was conducted in response to Houston Lighting & Power Company's determination on May 19, 1992, that a required surveillance test of the shunt trip circuits of the manual reactor trip circuitry in South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2, had not been conducted since the initial operation of the units. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with members of your staff.

NRC's review of the findings have determined that additional information is required in order to conclude this inspection. As discussed between Mr. Mark Satorius of my staff and Mr. Wayne Harrison of your staff on August 5, 1992, a management meeting has been scheduled for August 28, 1992. The purpose of this meeting is to permit NRC to gain a better understanding of your staff's actions in response to the determination that this required surveillance test had not been conducted. The enclosure to this letter identifies specific matters that we request you address during the meeting. You are welcome to address additional matters that you consider relevant to the subject during the meeting.

At your request, we will consider additional topics for the meeting agenda after the matter involving Technical Specification 3.0.3 is fully discussed.

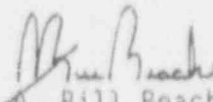
In accordance with 10 CFR Part 2.790 of the NRC's "Rule of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at 817/860-8223.

Sincerely,

  
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## ENCLOSURE

1. Provide a detailed chronology and description of the facts surrounding the period from the initial identification of the surveillance deficiency by the system engineer at approximately 5 p.m. on May 18, 1992, until the shift supervisors of both units were notified of the condition.
2. Provide a detailed chronology and a time line that addresses the specific times that all levels of responsible management personnel, including the licensing manager, were appraised of the Technical Specification 3.0.3 condition, the manner that they were made aware of the condition, and their understanding of the implication on the plant that resulted from the condition.
3. Basis for the Plant Manager not notifying the control room/shift supervisor regarding safety problems affecting the plant.
4. The basis for the system engineer suspecting that the shunt trip portion of the manual reactor trip circuitry had not been properly surveilled.
5. The rationale behind not continuing to pursue the system engineer's concern on the afternoon and evening of May 18, 1992.
6. The manner that the system engineer's concern was conveyed to licensee's management and the manner that licensee's management pursued the issue.
7. The degree of review by licensing and/or other STP personnel of the temporary waiver of compliance request prior to initiating a conference call with NRC.
8. Corrective actions taken and planned relative to this event.

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