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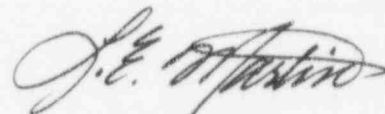
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South Texas Project has reviewed NRC Inspection Report 96-13 and submits the attached response to the Emergency Preparedness Program weakness identified during the inspection. The response includes the corrective actions being taken and a schedule for completing those actions.

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South Texas Project Response to Emergency Preparedness Weakness

Weakness: (498/9613-01, 499/9613-01)

One Control Room Crew failed to follow procedures for issuing off-site protective action recommendations in accordance with OERP01-ZV-IN07, "Offsite Protective Action Recommendations".

Reason for Weakness:

The apparent cause has been identified, through the Emergency Response Division's Self-Assessment process of Emergency Preparedness activities during the past two months, as being a degradation of working knowledge in the basics of event classification, notifications and protective action recommendations.

Corrective Actions Taken:

Condition Report (CR) 96-2629 was written to address this weakness incurred during Inspection 96-13. Additionally, this CR will address another area of concern that is considered a significant area for improvement which involved one crew's over-classification of the Site Area Emergency, during the NRC Walkthrough, which appeared to involve a misuse of the fission product barrier degradation matrix in procedure OERP01-ZV-IN01, "Emergency Classification".

These corrective actions are to provide refresher training to Control Room Operating Crews on the basics of classification, notification, protective action recommendations, lessons learned from an actual classification, and the Station's philosophy on conservative decision making.

In addition to our recurring refresher training during Licensed Operator Requalification (LOR), the station will specifically address Protective Action Recommendation training to all Licensed Operator Control Room crews during their LOR964 training cycle. This training is currently scheduled to be completed by August 15, 1996.