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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-498/96-11; 50-499/96-11

This refers to the inspection conducted by Lawrence A. Yandell and other inspection team members of this office on January 29 through February 15, 1996, at the South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, facility. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements. 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 observation of activities in progress.

The purpose of the inspection was to determine the effectiveness of your corrective action program to identify, process, correct, and prevent recurrence of problems that impact the safe operation of your facility. The team used NRC Inspection Procedure 40500, "Effectiveness of Licensee Controls in Identifying, Resolving and Preventing Problems," to perform the inspection. Overall, the team concluded that the South Texas Project Electric Generating Station had a strong, well-run corrective action program, capable of identifying, resolving, and preventing issues that degrade the quality of plant operations or safety.

In accordance with 10 CFR 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.

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

Sincerely,


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