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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-498/97-10; 50-499/97-10 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Cottle:

An NRC inspection was conducted February 17-21, 1997, at your South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, reactor facilities. The inspection focused on radiation protection activities associated with your Unit 2 refueling outage. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection.

The inspection identified two violations of NRC requirements. The violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation and the circumstances surrounding them are described in detail in the subject inspection report. The violations involved a failure to perform air sampling and contamination surveys and the transfer of licensed material that exceeded the transferee's possession limit. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

Regarding Violation B, the NRC has concluded that information regarding the reason for the violation, the corrective actions that were taken and completed to correct this violation and prevent a recurrence are already adequately addressed on the docket in the enclosed inspection report. Therefore, you are not required to respond to Violation B, unless the description therein does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position. In that case, or if you choose to provide additional information, you should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice.

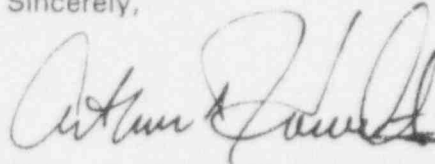
In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosure(s), and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the NRC Public Document Room without redaction.

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

Sincerely,



Arthur T. Howell III, Director  
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Docket Nos.: 50-498; 50-499  
License Nos.: NPF-76; NPF-80

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report  
50-498/97-10; 50-499/97-10

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