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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. D. R. Carpenter and B. A. Breslau of this office during the period December 1, 1985 - January 31, 1986, of activities authorized by NRC Construction Permits CPPR-128 and 129 for the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2, and to the discussion of our findings with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the unannounced inspection included site tours, licensee action on previously identified items, operations, training and startup testing activities, fitness for duty and pressurizer instrumentation orifices. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors. These findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

During this inspection, it was found that certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements. Paragraph 6 of the enclosed inspection report provides details of these apparent violations. We have scheduled an enforcement conference in our office to discuss these apparent violations, the reasons for occurrence, and your corrective actions. We will also discuss any potential enforcement options available to the NRC, if appropriate.

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed By  
E. H. Johnson

*for*  
J. E. Gagliardo, Chief  
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Enclosure:  
Appendix - NRC Inspection Report  
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