

August 14, 1998

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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-498/98-13; 50-499/98-13

Dear Mr. Cottle:

From August 4-7, 1998, an announced, emergency preparedness inspection was conducted at your South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and 2 reactor facilities. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection.

The inspection included implementation of your emergency plan and procedures during your biennial emergency preparedness exercise. Overall, performance during the biennial exercise was good; however, one exercise weakness was identified. The exercise weakness involved the failure to recognize that dose projections indicated the need to make protective action recommendations beyond 10 miles.

Exercise weaknesses, according to 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix E.IV.F.2.g, are inspection findings that need to be corrected by the licensee. Therefore, you are requested to provide this office with a description of your corrective measures and your schedule for completing these actions within 30 days after receipt of this letter.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure 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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