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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF INVESTIGATION (OI 4-1998-010)

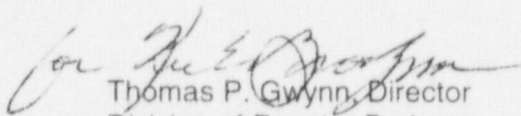
Dear Mr. Cottle:

This letter is in reference to an investigation conducted by the NRC Office of Investigations (OI) regarding activities at the South Texas Project. The OI investigation was initiated in response to concerns of discrimination against Nuclear Plant Protection Department personnel and an alleged violation of Fitness-For-Duty procedures.

Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, testimony and document reviews, the allegations were not substantiated. The NRC plans no further action regarding this investigation and considers this case closed. Enclosed for your reference and information is a copy of the synopsis of OI 4-1998-010.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,


Thomas P. Gwynn, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

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Enclosure: As stated

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated on February 17, 1998, by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI), Region IV (RIV), to determine whether personnel at the South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC), South Texas Project Electric Generating Station (STP), in the Nuclear Plant Protection Department (NPPD), were discriminated against by management for reporting safety concerns. During the conduct of this investigation, an additional concern that an STPNOC manager directed a violation of fitness-for-duty (FFD) procedures surfaced and was incorporated into this investigation.

Based on the evidence developed, testimony and document reviews, the allegation that STPNOC NPPD personnel were discriminated against by management for reporting safety concerns was not substantiated. Further, the allegation that an STPNOC manager directed a violation of FFD procedures was not substantiated.

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