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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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February 12, 1998

William T. Cottle, President and
Chief Executive Officer
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P.O. Box 289
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-498/98-02; 50-499/98-02 AND NOTICE OF
VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Cottle:


An NRC inspection was conducted January 12-15, 1998, at your South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and 2 reactor facilities. The inspection focused on radiation protection activities. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection. On January 21, 1998, your staff provided (via fax) additional information to Mr. Joseph Tapia of our staff regarding your position pertaining to several inspection findings. Our assessment of your position pertaining to the inspection findings are addressed in Section R1.3 of the Report Details.

The inspection identified three violations of NRC requirements. These violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding the violations are described in detail in the enclosed report. The violations involved failures to: perform a radiological survey; post an airborne radioactivity area; and inform workers of changing radiological conditions. Collectively, these violations are of concern because they involved the failure of your staff to follow approved procedures. Additionally, while some of these issues were identified by your staff, corrective actions were not adequate in all cases. 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.

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 (PDR). To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction.

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

Sincerely,



Arthur T. Howell III, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

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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
50-498/98-02; 50-499/98-02
3. Memo dated January 21, 1998 from R. V. Logan, Nuclear Licensing

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