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Ms. Tami West
1332 Chestnut Ridge Road
Kingwood, Texas 77339

Dear Ms. West:

I am always pleased to respond to interested persons concerning nuclear power plant development and particularly high school students.

With respect to your specific question as to whether the South Texas units are being built at an acceptable level of quality, I can assure you that their design, construction and planned operation is being very carefully reviewed by my staff and inspected by the NRC Region IV inspectors. This review and inspection assures compliance to the very high standards required by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in order to license a nuclear power plant for operation. These standards are directed to establish the necessary level of quality to assure protection of the health and safety of the public. It is our view that as the construction of the South Texas units continues, the necessary quality in design, construction and operation will be achieved.

You also expressed an interest in the correspondence on the plant's safety qualifications. I am enclosing the NRC staff's Safety Evaluation Report which was prepared prior to issuance of the construction permit for the South Texas Project. I believe it will provide you with a broader picture of the scope of the NRC staff review of both safety and non-safety features of the plant rather than sending you randomly selected correspondence. After completion of our review of the application for an Operating License we will prepare a second Safety Evaluation Report. With respect to the rated capacity of this facility, each unit has a rated capacity of 3,000 megawatts thermal (2,250 megawatts electrical).

I trust that the above information has been responsive to the areas in which you expressed interest in your letter.

Sincerely,

Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

DEPARTMENT DCNPP-IDVP BY W. E. Cooper/J. Q. Cragin

SUBJECT: Structural Review

LOCATION: Bechtel Power Corporation/Bechtel Office
45 Fremont St. San Francisco, CA ROOM: 45/2/L

DATE: Tuesday, March 29, 1983
Wednesday, March 30, 1983 TIME: 8:00 - 4:30 pm

ORGANIZATION IDVP (TES & RLCA), DCP

- AGENDA:
1. Status of Containment Annulus Steel Structure.
 2. Status of Turbine Building Structural Review.

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