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MEMORANDUM FOR: Victor Stello, Jr.
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Sharon R. Connelly, Director
Office of Inspector and Auditor

SUBJECT: ALLEGED IMPROPER HANDLING OF ALLEGATION BY
NRC TECHNICAL REVIEW TEAM, COMANCHE PEAK
STEAM ELECTRIC STATION

The attached Memorandum Report documents the results of an Office of Inspector and Auditor (OIA) inquiry into an allegation by the Citizens Association for Sound Energy (CASE) of improper handling by the NRC Technical Review Team (TRT) of a 1984 allegation pertaining to the repair of an overexcavation under the Unit 1 containment building at the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station (CPSES).

Conclusions

Our inquiry developed no evidence to indicate that the NRC TRT did not properly review the overexcavation at the CPSES Unit 1 containment building and subsequent repair by the contractor.

OIA's investigation disclosed that the TRT did not contact the original source of the allegation regarding the overexcavation and subsequent repair by the contractor. Consequently there was no assurance that the matters reviewed by the TRT were, in fact, the concerns that the original allogger had raised. As required by NRC policy in effect in 1984, before the NRC took action to address his concerns, the original source should have been interviewed by NRC to ensure his issues were properly characterized.

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Memorandum Report

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