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SUBJECT: SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2 - SECOND 10-YEAR INTERVAL
INSERVICE INSPECTION PROGRAM PLAN - RELIEF REQUEST RR-ENG-2-2
(TAC NOS. MA6048 AND MA6049)

Dear Mr. Cottle:

By letter dated July 6, 1999, STP Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC) submitted relief request RR-ENG-2-2 for relief from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Code, Section XI, nondestructive examination requirements applicable to the South Texas Project (STP), Units 1 and 2, steam generator main steam nozzles. STPNOC proposes to forego the ultrasonic examinations of the steam generator main steam nozzle inside-radius sections.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has evaluated the information provided by STPNOC. The staff concludes that the requirements of the Code are impractical for the steam generator main steam nozzle inside radius sections. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(i), relief is granted for Relief Request No. RR-ENG-2-2. Such relief is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest giving due consideration to the burden upon STNOC that could result if the requirements were imposed on STP Units 1 and 2. Our related safety evaluation is enclosed.

Sincerely,
ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499

Enclosure: Safety Evaluation

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