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January 19, 2012

Mary Sixwomen Blount
Principle Chief
Apalachicola Creek Indians
113 N First Street
Mabank, TX 75147

**SUBJECT: SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2, LICENSE RENEWAL
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

Dear Ms. Blount:

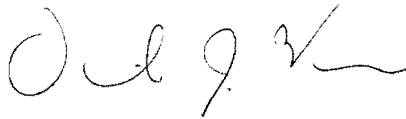
The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) thanks you for your letter dated March 7, 2011, in response to the NRC's request for comments in the letter dated February 17, 2011, concerning the environmental review of the South Texas Project (STP) license renewal. The NRC values the importance of establishing and maintaining open lines of communication with the Apalachicola Creek Indians. Accordingly, the NRC would like to address some of your concerns regarding compliance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

You informed the NRC about your interviews of tribal members living in the general area of the STP and provided comments. The NRC responds to your comments as follows:

- In response to your comment concerning hiring a Native American Anthropologist familiar with the migratory habits of Texas/Louisiana tribes, the NRC notes that a qualified expert on Native American (Archeologist) is a part of the NRC team who is conducting the environmental review in accordance with NEPA requirements to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106. Chapter 2 of the draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) will describe the known cultural resources at the STP site. When published, Chapter 4 of the DSEIS will describe impacts to known cultural resources at the STP site as a result of license renewal.
- In response to your comment concerning the impacts to the residents in the area who are poor and non-white, impacts to all low-income and minority individuals living within a 50-mile radius will be considered as a part of the staff's review in accordance with NEPA requirements. Chapter 4.9 of the DSEIS will document the staff's review.

Again, thank you for your comments. These and other comments received during the public scoping period will be addressed in the DSEIS for license renewal of STP. The DSEIS is scheduled for 2012 and will be provided to you for comment. If you need additional information regarding the STP environmental review process or this letter, please contact Tam Tran, Project Manager, at 301-415-3617, or by e-mail at Tam.Tran@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. J. Wrona', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David J. Wrona, Chief
Projects Branch 2
Division of License Renewal
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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may potentially have an effect on known or proposed historic sites. This determination is made irrespective of ownership or control of the lands of interest.

The applicant corresponded with the MS SHPO by letter dated February 3, 2011. MS SHPO replied by letter dated February 25, 2011, that the proposed action will have no effect on historic resources. The applicant also corresponded with the LA SHPO by letter dated February 3, 2011. LA SHPO replied by letter dated May 10, 2011, that no known historic properties will be affected by the proposed action. The MS and LA SHPOs have been asked to confirm this information with the NRC staff. Please provide any other information you consider appropriate under the provisions of Section 106 of the NHPA. The February letters from Entergy and the response letters from the MS and LA SHPOs are enclosed for your reference.

To complete consultation under 36 CFR 800.8(c), the staff will forward the draft SEIS to consulting parties for review and comment, and will address the comments in the final SEIS. Your office will receive a copy of the draft SEIS along with a request for comments after it is issued. This draft SEIS will include identification of historic properties, assessment of impacts, and our preliminary determination of their suitability for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The anticipated publication date for the draft SEIS is December 2012.

The NRC plans to hold two public license renewal overview and environmental scoping meetings on January 31, 2012. The first session will be held in the afternoon, and an identical session will be held later that evening. Both sessions will be held at the Port Gibson City Hall, 1005 College Street, Port Gibson, MS 39150. The afternoon session will be from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM, and the evening session will be from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. In addition, the NRC plans to hold a one hour open house prior to each meeting to answer public questions. You and your staff are invited to attend the public meetings and open houses.

The Grand Gulf license renewal application is available on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/gg1.html>. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. David Drucker, License Renewal Project Manager, by phone at 301-415-6223 or by e-mail at David.Drucker@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

David J. Wrona, Chief
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Docket No. 50-416

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