



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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August 14, 2012

Mr. Kevin D. Richards  
President and Chief Executive Officer/  
STP Nuclear Operating Company  
South Texas Project  
P.O. Box 289  
Wadsworth, TX 77483

SUBJECT: SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2 - WITHDRAWAL OF AN  
AMENDMENT REQUEST (TAC NOS. ME6346 AND ME6347)

Dear Mr. Richards:

By letter dated June 2, 2011 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML11161A143), as supplemented by letters dated August 1, 2011, March 8, 2012, March 22, 2012, April 3, 2012 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML11221A230, ML12079A038, ML12089A023, and ML1210A223, respectively), and May 3, 2012<sup>1</sup>, you applied for an amendment to the South Texas Project (STP), Units 1 and 2, Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-76 and NPF-80. The proposed change would have modified the facility Fire Protection Program related to the alternate shutdown capability that is documented in the Fire Hazards Analysis Report for STP, Units 1 and 2. The amendments requested approval to perform certain operator actions from the main control room (MCR) before evacuating the MCR to achieve and maintain safe shutdown in the event of a fire in the MCR. Subsequently, by letter dated July 31, 2012 (ADAMS Accession No. ML12220A509), you withdrew the amendment request.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has filed the enclosed Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Balwant K. Singal".

Balwant K. Singal, Senior Project Manager  
Plant Licensing Branch IV  
Division of Operating Reactor Licensing  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499

Enclosure:  
Notice of Withdrawal

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**[Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499; NRC-20YY-XXXX]**

**STP Nuclear Operating Company**

**South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2**

**Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** License amendment application; withdrawal.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Balwant K. Singal, Senior Project Manager, Plant Licensing Branch IV, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; telephone: 301-415-3016; e-mail: [Balwant.Singal@nrc.gov](mailto:Balwant.Singal@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of STP Nuclear Operating Company (the licensee) to withdraw its application dated June 2, 2011 (ADAMS Accession No. ML11161A143), as supplemented by letters dated August 1, 2011, March 8, 2012, March 22, 2012, April 3, 2012 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML11221A230, ML12079A038, ML12089A023, and ML12101A223, respectively), and May 3, 2012<sup>1</sup>, for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-76 and NPF-80 for the South Texas Project (STP), Units 1 and 2, located in Matagorda County, Texas.

The proposed amendment would have revised the facility Fire Protection Program related to the alternate shutdown capability that is documented in the Fire Hazards Analysis Report for STP, Units 1 and 2. The amendments requested approval to perform certain

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operator actions from the main control room (MCR) before evacuating the MCR to achieve and maintain safe shutdown in the event of a fire in the MCR.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the *Federal Register* on August 23, 2011 (76 FR 52702). However, by letter dated July 31, 2012 (ADAMS Accession No. ML12220A509), the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated June 2, 2011, as supplemented by letters dated August 1, 2011, March 8, 2012, March 22, 2012, April 3, 2012, and May 3, 2012, and the licensee's letter dated July 31, 2012, which withdrew the application for license amendment.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of August 2012.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

  
Balwant K. Singal, Senior Project Manager,  
Plant Licensing Branch IV,  
Division of Operating Reactor Licensing,  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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SUBJECT: SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2 - WITHDRAWAL OF AN  
AMENDMENT REQUEST TO REVISE FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM  
RELATED TO ALTERNATE SHUTDOWN CAPABILITY (TAC NOS. ME6346  
AND ME6347)

Dear Mr. Richards:

By letter dated June 2, 2011 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML11161A143), as supplemented by letters dated August 1, 2011, March 8, 2012, March 22, 2012, April 3, 2012 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML11221A230, ML12079A038, ML12089A023, and ML1210A223, respectively), and May 3, 2012<sup>1</sup>, you applied for an amendment to the South Texas Project (STP), Units 1 and 2, Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-76 and NPF-80. The proposed change would have modified the facility Fire Protection Program related to the alternate shutdown capability that is documented in the Fire Hazards Analysis Report for STP, Units 1 and 2. The amendments requested approval to perform certain operator actions from the main control room (MCR) before evacuating the MCR to achieve and maintain safe shutdown in the event of a fire in the MCR. Subsequently, by letter dated July 31, 2012 (ADAMS Accession No. ML12220A509), you withdrew the amendment request.

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