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**From:** Heather Young - NOAA Federal [heather.young@noaa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 01, 2013 5:38 PM  
**To:** Balsam, Briana  
**Cc:** Rusty Swafford - NOAA Federal  
**Subject:** Re: EFH Consultation w/ NRC for South Texas nuclear plant license renewal

Briana,

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service Habitat Conservation Division (NMFS HCD) has reviewed a letter dated December 11, 2012 from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) provided via email to Mr. Rusty Swafford on February 26, 2013 regarding the proposed license renewal for the South Texas project, Units 1 and 2. The proposed license renewal would not involve any new construction activities or changes to the current operation of the South Texas project's Units 1 and 2. The NRC has concluded that continued operation during the 20-year license renewal period would not adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). NMFS HCD concurs with this conclusion. No further EFH consultation is required for this renewal action.

Thank you for your coordination with us,

Heather Young

On Tue, Feb 26, 2013 at 11:30 AM, Rusty Swafford - NOAA Federal <[rusty.swafford@noaa.gov](mailto:rusty.swafford@noaa.gov)> wrote:  
Briana,

Heather Young of my staff handles EFH consultations in Texas. I have copied her on this response. Please send all future correspondence to Heather.

Thanks

Rusty

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On Tue, Feb 26, 2013 at 10:40 AM, Balsam, Briana <[Briana.Balsam@nrc.gov](mailto:Briana.Balsam@nrc.gov)> wrote:

Hi Russell,

I am following up on a request for EFH consultation that we sent your office dated December 11, 2012 (click [here](#) to view letter) for the proposed license renewal of South Texas Project nuclear plant in Bay City, Texas. Did you receive this request? If so, would we be able to touch base to talk about

the status of NMFS's response? If you are the wrong person to get in touch with, please let me know that, too, and I can figure out who would handle this request in your office. Thanks,

Briana

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