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RE: Comments on Draft SEIS, Preliminary Conclusions

Dear Division Chief, Wong:

Thank you for this opportunity to offer comments. Our Council has reviewed our previous review, the documents included in your letter dated, December 18, 2012, received on February 2, 2013. Time does not permit us to be more thorough and Our Elder Council wishes to make one final recommendation.

We respectfully recommend that all operating license renewals be reduced from twenty to ten-year limits. Our reasoning is the loss of scientific predictability given the current crisis in global change. World scientists have no experience-based strategies to reduce loss of life from yet unknown events. This is true worldwide and not just with our neighbors living in South Texas Project areas. Our plea is to ask that the NRC exercise greater caution in relicensing due to loss of environmental predictability.

A ten-year license renewal will at least buy more time for an early warning system and perhaps one last chance to avoid the tipping point. We believe shorter licensing will add the extra time needed to ensure at least the campfire is extinguished before leaving the Nuclear Reactor site.

Very truly,

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