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**SUBJECT: MID-CYCLE ASSESSMENT LETTER SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT ELECTRIC
GENERATING STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 (REPORT 05000498/2014006 AND
05000499/2014006)**

Dear Mr. Koehl:

On August 12, 2014, the NRC completed its mid-cycle performance review of South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and 2. The NRC reviewed the most recent quarterly performance indicators (PIs) in addition to inspection results and enforcement actions from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014. This letter informs you of the NRC's assessment of South Texas Project Electric Generating Station during this period and its plans for future inspections at your facility.

The NRC determined that overall, South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and 2 were operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and met all cornerstone objectives. The NRC determined the performance at South Texas Project Electric Generating Station during the most recent quarter was within the Licensee Response Column of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Action Matrix because all inspection findings had very low (i.e., Green) safety significance, and all PIs indicated that your performance was within the nominal, expected range (i.e., Green). Therefore, the NRC plans to conduct ROP baseline inspections at your facility.

As a result of the Safety Culture Common Language Initiative, the terminology and coding of cross-cutting aspects were revised. All cross-cutting aspects identified during inspections conducted in calendar year 2014 reflect this revision to Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 0310. Cross-cutting aspects identified in 2013 using the 2013 terminology were converted to the latest revision in accordance with the cross-reference in IMC 0310 during the mid-cycle assessment review and evaluated for cross-cutting themes and potential substantive cross-cutting issues in accordance with IMC 0305.

The enclosed inspection plan lists the inspections scheduled through December 31, 2015. Routine inspections performed by resident inspectors are not included in the inspection plan. The inspections listed during the last nine months of the inspection plan are tentative and may

be revised at the end-of-cycle performance review. The NRC provides the inspection plan to allow for the resolution of any scheduling conflicts and personnel availability issues. The NRC will contact you as soon as possible to discuss changes to the inspection plan should circumstances warrant any changes. This inspection plan does not include security related inspections, which will be sent via separate, non-publicly available correspondence.

In response to the accident at Fukushima, the Commission issued Order EA-12-049, "Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Requirements for Mitigation Strategies for Beyond-Design-Basis External Events," which requires licensees to develop, implement, and maintain guidance and strategies to maintain or restore core cooling, containment, and spent fuel pool cooling capabilities following a beyond-design-basis external event. Additionally, the Commission issued Order EA-12-051, "Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation," which requires licensees to have a reliable means of remotely monitoring wide-range Spent Fuel Pool levels to support effective prioritization of event mitigation and recovery actions in the event of a beyond-design-basis external event. The NRC is conducting audits of licensee efforts towards compliance with these Orders. This audit includes an onsite component in order for the NRC to evaluate licensee plans for complying with the Orders, as described in site-specific submittals, and to receive and review information relative to associated open items. This onsite activity will occur in the months prior to a declaration of compliance for the first unit at each site, and will aid staff in development of an ultimate Safety Evaluation for the site. The date for the onsite component at your site is February 9, 2015. A site-specific audit plan for the visit will be provided in advance to allow sufficient time for preparations.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's Rules of Practice, a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Please contact me at 817-200-1141 with any questions you have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Project Branch B
Division of Reactor Projects

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09/01/2014 - 12/31/2015

Unit Number	Planned Dates Start End	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site
		EB2-05T - TRIENNIAL FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTION		4
1,2	09/08/2014 09/12/2014	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection [Triennial]	
1,2	09/22/2014 09/26/2014	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection [Triennial]	
		EP-2 - EXERCISE SCENARIO REVIEW		2
1,2	09/01/2014 10/02/2014	IP 7111408	Exercise Evaluation – Scenario Review	
		TSB 52B - BIENNIAL PI&R INSPECTION		4
1,2	11/17/2014 11/21/2014	IP 71152B	Problem Identification and Resolution	
1,2	12/01/2014 12/05/2014	IP 71152B	Problem Identification and Resolution	
		EP-1 - EP PERFORMANCE INDICATORS		1
1,2	11/03/2014 11/07/2014	IP 71151-EP01		
1,2	11/03/2014 11/07/2014	IP 71151-EP02		
1,2	11/03/2014 11/07/2014	IP 71151-EP03		
		EP-3 - BIENNIAL EP EXERCISE INSPECTION HAB		5
1,2	11/03/2014 11/07/2014	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes	
1,2	11/03/2014 11/07/2014	IP 7111407	Exercise Evaluation - Hostile Action (HA) Event	
		EXAM - INITIAL OPERATOR EXAM		6
1	08/24/2015 08/28/2015	X02554	INITIAL EXAM STP UNIT 1 (9/2015)	
2	08/24/2015 08/28/2015	X02555	INITIAL EXAM STP UNIT 2 (9/2015)	
1	09/28/2015 10/09/2015	X02554	INITIAL EXAM STP UNIT 1 (9/2015)	
2	09/28/2015 10/09/2015	X02555	INITIAL EXAM STP UNIT 2 (9/2015)	
		ISFSI - PAD POUR INSPECTION (ONE VISIT)		1
1	03/01/2015 03/31/2015	IP 60855	Operation Of An ISFSI	
		RS 13 PI - RADIATION SAFETY		2
1,2	04/13/2015 04/17/2015	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1,2	04/13/2015 04/17/2015	IP 71124.03	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
1,2	04/13/2015 04/17/2015	IP 71151-OR01		
1,2	04/13/2015 04/17/2015	IP 71151-PR01		
		71111.08 - INSERVICE INSPECTION 2R17		1
2	04/13/2015 04/24/2015	IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
		EB1-17T - STP PERMANENT PLANT MODS & 50.59		3
1,2	06/01/2015 06/12/2015	IP 7111117T	Evaluations of Changes, Tests, and Experiments and Permanent Plant Modifications	
		RS 24 - RADIATION SAFETY		2
1,2	08/03/2015 08/07/2015	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1,2	08/03/2015 08/07/2015	IP 71124.04	Occupational Dose Assessment	

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Start	End				
			EB1-07T - STP TRIENNIAL HEAT SINK PERFORMANCE		1
1, 2	08/10/2015	08/14/2015	IP 7111107T	Heat Sink Performance	
			INSP - OPERATOR REQUAL INSPECTION		3
1, 2	09/14/2015	09/18/2015	IP 7111111B	Licensed Operator Requalification Program	
			71111.08 - INSERVICE INSPECTION 1R19		1
1	10/12/2015	10/23/2015	IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
			EP-1 - BIENNIAL EP PROGAM INSPECTION		1
1, 2	12/07/2015	12/11/2015	IP 7111402	Alert and Notification System Testing	
1, 2	12/07/2015	12/11/2015	IP 7111403	Emergency Preparedness Organization Staffing and Augmentation System	
1, 2	12/07/2015	12/11/2015	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes	
1, 2	12/07/2015	12/11/2015	IP 7111405	Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies	
			EP-2 - EP PERFORMANCE INDICATORS		1
1, 2	12/07/2015	12/11/2015	IP 71151-EP01		
1, 2	12/07/2015	12/11/2015	IP 71151-EP02		
1, 2	12/07/2015	12/11/2015	IP 71151-EP03		

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