



**UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
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April 29, 2016

Mr. Dennis L. Koehl  
President and CEO/CNO  
STP Nuclear Operating Company  
South Texas Project Electric  
Generating Station  
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**SUBJECT: RELAXATION OF SCHEDULE FOR REQUIREMENTS OF ORDER FOR  
IMPLEMENTATION OF ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES AND  
FINGERPRINTING FOR UNESCORTED ACCESS AT THE SOUTH TEXAS  
PROJECT ELECTRIC GENERATING STATION INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL  
STORAGE INSTALLATION**

Dear Mr. Koehl:

On December 30, 2014, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued an Order (EA-14-190), Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML14358A288 to South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC) to require compliance with additional security measures (ASM) related to Physical Protection and Access Authorization and Fingerprinting for the future independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) at South Texas Project Electric Generating Station (STP). On January 15, 2015, STPNOC submitted its written response to the Order (NOC-AE-15003208, ADAMS Accession No. ML15029A422).

In the January 15, 2015, response (ADAMS Accession No. ML15029A422), STPNOC stated that full implementation of the ASMs would be completed by December 30, 2015, and that initial storage in the ISFSI is scheduled for June 2016. In a letter dated December 3, 2015, (NOC-AE-15003317, ADAMS Accession No. ML16015A017) STPNOC revised the schedule for full implementation of the ASMs to 90 days before initial placement of fuel in the ISFSI, which will be June 2017. Additionally, STPNOC requested a relaxation of the ASM implementation schedule, as required by Section III.A of the Order. The NRC discussed STPNOC's relaxation request during a telephone conference with the licensee in April 2015.

Based on the NRC's review of the information provided by STPNOC, I find that you have demonstrated good cause for relaxation of specific provisions of the Order. Because the schedule for STPNOC to complete construction and place fuel in the ISFSI has been delayed by one year to June 2017, a corresponding delay in implementation of the ASMs is reasonable. Your request for relaxation of Section III.A of the Order is therefore granted. However, implementation of the ASMs required by the Order shall be completed "90 days before the first day that spent fuel is initially placed in the ISFSI." The on-site NRC security inspection must be conducted at STP by March 30, 2017, and the revised STP physical security plan (PSP) must be submitted to the NRC by April 1, 2017. These items are required to verify compliance with

the Order and implementation of the ASMs. As stated in the Order, STPNOC is required to notify the NRC when full compliance is achieved. If the schedule is further delayed, STPNOC must provide the NRC with an updated schedule regarding ISFSI completion and the proposed initial spent fuel loading.

The Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards will issue a letter following completion of the security inspection and review of the revised PSP documenting compliance with the terms of the ISFSI Security Order.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Raynard Wharton of my staff at 301-415-7497.

Sincerely,

**/RA/**

Scott W. Moore, Acting Director  
Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
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