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REGION IV  
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**SUBJECT: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LETTER FOR SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT ELECTRIC  
GENERATING STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 (REPORT 05000498/2019006 AND  
05000499/2019006)**

Dear Mr. Powell:

The NRC has completed its end-of-cycle performance assessment of South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, reviewing performance indicators, inspection results, and enforcement actions from January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019. This letter informs you of the NRC's assessment of your facility during this period and its plans for future inspections at your facility. The NRC concluded that overall performance at your facility preserved public health and safety.

The NRC determined the performance at South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, during the most recent quarter was within the Licensee Response Column, the highest performance category of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Action Matrix, because all inspection findings had very low safety significance (i.e., Green) and all performance indicators were within the expected range (i.e., Green). Therefore, the NRC plans to conduct ROP baseline inspections at your facility.

The enclosed inspection plan lists the inspections scheduled through December 31, 2021. This updated inspection plan now includes planned security inspections which were formerly transmitted under separate correspondence. The NRC provides the inspection plan to allow for the resolution of any scheduling conflicts and personnel availability issues. Routine inspections performed by resident inspectors are not included in the inspection plan. You should be aware that the agency is pursuing potential changes to the ROP, including changes to engineering inspections (SECY-18-0113, "Recommendations for Modifying the Reactor Oversight Process Engineering Inspections"), and other changes to the baseline inspection program described in SECY-19-0067, "Recommendations for Enhancing the Reactor Oversight Process." Should these changes to the ROP be implemented, the engineering and other region-based inspections are subject to change in scope, as well as schedule. The inspections listed during the last 12 months of the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised. The NRC will contact you as soon as possible to discuss changes to the inspection plan should circumstances warrant any changes.

Additionally, during this period the NRC will schedule an additional inspection per a revised version of Temporary Instruction (TI) 2515/194, "Inspection of the Licensee's Implementation of Industry Initiative Associated with the Open Phase Condition Design Vulnerability in Electrical

Power Systems (NRC Bulletin 2012-01)" for any sites who elect to implement the guidance of the Industry Initiative on Open Phase Condition, Revision 3 (ADAMS Accession Number ML19163A176), which included an option for relying on annunciation and operator manual actions instead of automatic protective features to isolate a power supply affected by an open phase condition. Licensees will be individually notified when the NRC schedules these inspections.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (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) 200-1148 with any questions you have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Division of Reactor Projects

Docket Nos. 05000498 and 05000499  
License Nos. NPF-76 and NPF-80

Enclosure:  
Inspection Plan

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# IP 22 Inspection Activity Plan Report

## South Texas Project

01/01/2020 - 12/31/2021

Unit	Start	End	Activity	CAC	Title	Staff Count
<b>Fire Protection Inspection - STP</b>						3
1, 2	01/27/2020	01/31/2020	IP 71111.21N.05	001646	Fire Protection Team Inspection (FPTI)	
1, 2	02/10/2020	02/14/2020	IP 71111.21N.05	001646	Fire Protection Team Inspection (FPTI)	
<b>RS12PI Radiation Safety</b>						2
1, 2	03/16/2020	03/20/2020	IP 71124.01	000725	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1, 2	03/16/2020	03/20/2020	IP 71124.02	000726	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
<b>Inservice Inspection 1RF22 - STP</b>						1
1	03/20/2020	04/10/2020	IP 71111.08P	000702	Inservice Inspection Activities (PWR)	
<b>South Texas 1, 2 - Evaluations of Changes, Tests, and Experiments</b>						3
1, 2	05/11/2020	05/15/2020	IP 71111.17T	000709	Evaluations of Changes, Tests, and Experiments	
<b>STP 2020 INITIAL EXAM</b>						6
1, 2	06/07/2020	06/13/2020	OV	000956	VALIDATION OF INITIAL LICENSE EXAMINATION (OV)	
1, 2	07/12/2020	07/18/2020	EXAD	000500	LICENSE EXAM ADMINISTRATION (EXAD)	
1, 2	07/19/2020	07/25/2020	EXAD	000500	LICENSE EXAM ADMINISTRATION (EXAD)	
<b>Security Access Control .02</b>						1
1, 2	06/08/2020	06/12/2020	IP 71130.02	000734	Access Control	
1, 2	06/08/2020	06/12/2020	IP 71151	001338	Performance Indicator Verification	
<b>South Texas 1, 2 - Heat Sink Performance (Triennial)</b>						2
1, 2	07/20/2020	07/24/2020	IP 71111.07T	000700	Heat Sink Performance	
<b>Security Equipment .04 and Training .07</b>						2
1, 2	08/24/2020	08/28/2020	IP 71130.04	000736	Equipment Performance, Testing, and Maintenance	
1, 2	08/24/2020	08/28/2020	IP 71130.07	000739	Security Training	
<b>RS5678 Radiation Safety PS Team</b>						4
1, 2	09/14/2020	09/18/2020	IP 71124.05	000729	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
1, 2	09/14/2020	09/18/2020	IP 71124.06	000730	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment	
1, 2	09/14/2020	09/18/2020	IP 71124.07	000731	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program	
1, 2	09/14/2020	09/18/2020	IP 71124.08	000732	Radioactive Solid Waste Processing and Radioactive Material Handling, Storage, and Transportation	

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<b>MC&amp;A - Material Control &amp; Accounting</b>						1
1, 2	09/14/2020	09/18/2020	IP 71130.11	000742	Material Control and Accounting (MC&A)	
<b>BIENNIAL PI&amp;R</b>						4
1, 2	10/19/2020	10/23/2020	IP 71152B	000747	Problem Identification and Resolution	
1, 2	11/02/2020	11/06/2020	IP 71152B	000747	Problem Identification and Resolution	
<b>EP Exercise and PI Inspection</b>						4
1, 2	10/26/2020	10/30/2020	IP 71114.01	000716	Exercise Evaluation	
1, 2	10/26/2020	10/30/2020	IP 71114.04	000719	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes	
1, 2	10/26/2020	10/30/2020	IP 71151	001397	Performance Indicator Verification	
<b>FORCE-ON-FORCE PLANNING AND EXERCISE WEEKS - STP</b>						6
1, 2	01/11/2021	01/15/2021	IP 71130.03	000735	Contingency Response - Force-On-Force Testing	
1, 2	02/01/2021	02/05/2021	IP 71130.03	000735	Contingency Response - Force-On-Force Testing	
<b>Security FFD .08</b>						1
1, 2	01/25/2021	01/29/2021	IP 71130.08	000740	Fitness For Duty Program	
<b>Inservice Inspection 2RF21 - STP</b>						1
2	03/22/2021	04/02/2021	IP 71111.08P	000702	Inservice Inspection Activities (PWR)	
<b>RP 1,3,PI</b>						2
1, 2	03/29/2021	04/02/2021	IP 71124.01	000725	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1, 2	03/29/2021	04/02/2021	IP 71124.02	000726	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
<b>STP 2021 INITIAL EXAM</b>						7
1, 2	06/06/2021	06/12/2021	OV	000956	VALIDATION OF INITIAL LICENSE EXAMINATION (OV)	
1, 2	07/11/2021	07/17/2021	EXAD	000500	LICENSE EXAM ADMINISTRATION (EXAD)	
<b>Security Access Authorization .01 and Access Control .02 w/PIV</b>						2
1, 2	07/26/2021	07/30/2021	IP 71130.01	000733	Access Authorization	
1, 2	07/26/2021	07/30/2021	IP 71130.02	000734	Access Control	
1, 2	07/26/2021	07/30/2021	IP 71151	001338	Performance Indicator Verification	
<b>RP 2,4</b>						2
1, 2	08/30/2021	09/03/2021	IP 71124.02	000726	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	

This report does not include INPO and OUTAGE activities.

This report shows only on-site and announced inspection procedures.

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<b>RP 2,4</b>						2
1, 2	08/30/2021	09/03/2021	IP 71124.04	000728	Occupational Dose Assessment	
<b>Inservice Inspection 1RF23 - STP</b>						1
1	10/11/2021	10/22/2021	IP 71111.08P	000702	Inservice Inspection Activities (PWR)	
<b>Design Bases Assurance (Program) 21N - South Texas</b>						3
1, 2	11/01/2021	11/19/2021	IP 71111.21N	000714	Design Bases Assurance Inspection (Programs)	
<b>EP Program Inspection</b>						1
1, 2	11/29/2021	12/03/2021	IP 71114.02	000717	Alert and Notification System Testing	
1, 2	11/29/2021	12/03/2021	IP 71114.03	000718	Emergency Response Organization Staffing and Augmentation System	
1, 2	11/29/2021	12/03/2021	IP 71114.04	000719	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes	
1, 2	11/29/2021	12/03/2021	IP 71114.05	000720	Maintenance of Emergency Preparedness	
1, 2	11/29/2021	12/03/2021	IP 71151	001397	Performance Indicator Verification	
<b>STP 2021 BRQ</b>						2
1, 2	12/12/2021	12/18/2021	IP 71111.11B	000704	Licensed Operator Requalification Program and Licensed Operator Performance	