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Supporting Information Regarding Operations Quality Assurance Plan Change QA-026

- References:
1. Letter from L. E. Martin to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Document Control Desk dated February 27, 1996 (ST-HL-AE-5297)
 2. Letter from Thomas P. Gwynn, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, to W. T. Cottle dated January 21, 1996 (ST-AE-HL-94417)

Reference 1 provided additional information on the programmatic controls in place at the South Texas Project to accomplish the intent of the biennial review of safety-related procedures required by ANSI N18.7-1976/ANS 3.2, "Administrative Controls and Quality Assurance for Operational Phase of Nuclear Power Plants". As discussed in a phone conversation between Mr. William Ang, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Mr. R. J. Rehkgugler, the Quality Director at the South Texas Project, this letter confirms the intent of the South Texas Project to change the wording in our Operations Quality Assurance Plan to comply with the specific guidance provided in the enclosure to Reference 2.

The South Texas Project Operations Quality Assurance Plan will be revised to read as follows:

Safety-related procedures shall be maintained in an accurate and usable condition. Changes to safety-related procedures shall be made as necessary. The root cause of significant deficiencies regarding safety-related procedures shall be identified and corrected. The following activities provide ongoing confirmation of this.

- Applicable plant procedures shall be reviewed following an unusual incident, such as an accident, and unexpected transient, significant operator error, or equipment malfunction and following any modification to a system.

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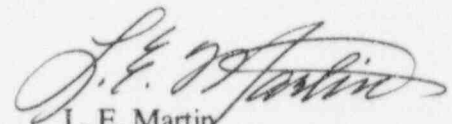
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- Non-routine procedures (procedures such as emergency operation procedures, off-normal procedures, procedures which implement the Emergency Plan, and other procedures whose usage may be dictated by an event) shall be reviewed at least every two years and revised as appropriate.
- At least every two years, quality assurance audits and other independent oversight activities shall review a representative sample of the routine plant procedures that are used more frequently than every two years. These reviews shall ensure the acceptability of the procedures and verify that the procedure review and revision program is being implemented effectively. The root cause of significant deficiencies shall be determined and corrected.
- Routine plant procedures that have not been used for two years shall be reviewed before use to determine if changes are necessary or desirable.

This revision to our Operations Quality Assurance Plan should address concerns regarding our intent to comply with the guidance in Reference 2. We continue to believe these changes are not a reduction in commitment of the South Texas Project Operations Quality Assurance Plan per 10CFR50.54(a).

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. R. J. Rehkugler at (512) 972-7922 or me at (512) 972-8686.


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