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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-498/93-02, 50-499/93-03

This refers to the special inspection conducted by Messrs J. I. Tapia and R. J. Evans, of this office, January 12-29, 1993. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2, facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed on February 1, 1993, with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report. Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, one apparent violation was identified and is being considered for escalated enforcement action in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions" (Enforcement Policy), 10 CFR 2, Appendix C. Accordingly, no Notice of Violation is presently being issued for this inspection finding.

The apparent violation involved several examples of a failure to follow procedures for performing self-verification. The first example is documented in the Details section of the report. The second example was previously considered an unresolved item in NRC Inspection Report 50-498/92-29; 50-499/92-29. The remaining six examples were identified under one unresolved item in NRC Inspection Report 50-498/92-32; 50-499/92-32. This issue is of concern because it represents the return of a negative trend in personnel performance. Personnel are not strictly adhering to self-verification requirements and, as a result, work has been performed on the wrong component, wrong train, and, in one instance, on the wrong unit.

In addition to the apparent violation, an unresolved item was identified. This unresolved item involved the failure to satisfy Technical Specification requirements relative to Emergency Diesel Generator (EDG) availability and mode change restrictions. This problem resulted from an apparent lack of

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adequate oversight in the performance of an activity that has previously been known to cause problems. This issue will remain unresolved pending further NRC review.

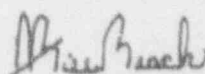
An enforcement conference to discuss this apparent violation has been scheduled for March 8, 1993, in the Region IV office. The purposes of this conference are to discuss the example of the apparent violation, its causes and safety significance, to provide you the opportunity to point out any errors in our inspection report, to provide an opportunity to present your proposed corrective actions, and to discuss any other information that will help us determine the appropriate enforcement action in accordance with the Enforcement Policy. In particular, we expect you to address those actions that you have taken or plan to take to ensure that personnel cease performing work on wrong components. You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations on these matters. No response regarding the apparent violation is required at this time.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The response directed by this letter and enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:  
Appendix A - NRC Inspection Report  
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50-499/93-03 w/attachment

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