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SUBJECT: SEMIANNUAL PLANT PERFORMANCE REVIEW (SPPR) - **SOUTH TEXAS
PROJECT**

Dear Mr. Cottle:

On October 30, 1996, the NRC staff completed the Semiannual Plant Performance Review (SPPR) of South Texas Project. The staff conducts these reviews for all operating nuclear power plants to develop an integrated understanding of safety performance. The results are used by NRC management to facilitate planning and allocation of inspection resources. The SPPR for South Texas Project involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating inspection results and safety performance information for the period of March through September 1996. SPPRs provide NRC management with a current summary of licensee performance and serve as inputs to the NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) and Senior Management Meeting (SMM) reviews.

This letter advises you of our planned inspection effort resulting from the South Texas Project SPPR review. It is provided to minimize the resource impact on your staff and to allow for scheduling conflicts and personnel availability to be resolved in advance of inspector arrival onsite. The enclosure details our inspection plan for the next 8 months. The rationale or basis for each inspection outside the core inspection program is provided so that you are aware of the reason for emphasis in these program areas. Resident inspections are not listed due to their ongoing and continuous nature.

We will inform you of any changes to the inspection plan. If you have any questions, please contact Joseph I. Tapia of my staff at 817/860-8243.

Sincerely,

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SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT

INSPECTION PLAN

IP - Inspection Procedure

TI - Temporary Instruction

Core Inspection - Minimum NRC Inspection Program (mandatory all plants)

INSPECTION	TITLE/ PROGRAM AREA	NUMBER OF INSPECTORS	DATES	TYPE OF INSPECTION/COMMENTS
IP 40501	Engineering - Licensee Self-Assessment	2	01/06-10/97	Regional Initiative in lieu of Core Inspection
IP 86750 TI-133	Solid Radioactive Waste Management and Transportation of Radioactive Materials	1	01/27-31/97	Core Inspection
IP 84750	Radioactive Waste Treatment, and Effluent and Environmental Monitoring	2	02/03-07/97	Core Inspection
IP 81700 TI-132	Physical Security Program for Power Reactors	2	02/24-28/97	Core Inspection
IP 71001	Licensed Operator Requalification Program Evaluation	3	07/28 - 8/1/97	Core Inspection
IP 62706	Maintenance Rule Audit	6	05/12-16/97	Regional Initiative Team Inspection -baseline inspection for maintenance program
IP 40500	Effectiveness of Licensee Controls in Identifying, Resolving, and Preventing Problems	3	06/23-27/97 07/07-11/97	Core Inspection