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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-498/97-15; 50-499/97-15 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Cottle:

From May 5-9, 1997, an NRC physical security inspection was conducted at your South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, reactor facilities. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that two violations of NRC requirements occurred. These violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding the violations are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

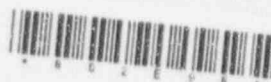
In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosure, and your response to the violations will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). To the extent possible your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the Public Document Room without redaction.

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

Sincerely,

fr Arthur T. Howell III, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

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Docket Nos.: 50-498; 50-499

License Nos.: NPF-76; NPF-80

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report
50-498/97-1E; 50-499/97-15

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