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Ms. Kathryn Brock
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Office of Nuclear Security and Response
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop T4D22A
Washington, D.C. 20555

RE: COVID-19 Preparedness Assessments for FEMA Region VI South Texas Project, Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant, Arkansas Nuclear

Dear Ms. Brock:

Pursuant to the FEMA Preparedness Assessment Framework – COVID-19 memorandum dated May 13, 2020. FEMA Region VI completed assessments for the States of Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and the local communities within the 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) of the South Texas Project (STP), Grand Gulf Nuclear Station (GGNS), Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant (CPNPP), and Arkansas Nuclear One (ANO). These assessments included the examination of the local offsite response organizations (OROs), in order to assess their continued capability to adequately respond to an incident at the Stations.

Based on the conducted assessments and our review of available information gathered from discussions with the OROs, FEMA concludes that offsite radiological emergency preparedness remains adequate to provide “Reasonable Assurance” and that appropriate measures can be taken to protect the health and safety of the public in a radiological emergency at all of the listed Nuclear Power Plants. At this time, FEMA is not initiating any further actions.

If FEMA does become aware of any degradation of the offsite infrastructure or a significant reduction in ORO capabilities that could directly impact public health and safety, FEMA stands ready to initiate assessments and forward the findings to the NRC for appropriate review and action.



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Please contact me at 202-704-4242, or Vanessa Quinn, Vanessa.Quinn@fema.dhs.gov, 202-577-8504, should you have any questions or require any further assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Attachment:

RVI Assessments - South Texas Project (STP), Grand Gulf Nuclear Station (GGNS), Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant (CPNPP), and Arkansas Nuclear One (ANO)

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