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September 12, 2016

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**SUBJECT: ERRATA FOR MID-CYCLE ASSESSMENT LETTER FOR SOUTH TEXAS
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EB2-05T - TRIENNIAL FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTION					4
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			71111.08 - INSERVICE INSPECTION UNIT 1		1
1	03/27/2017	04/07/2017	IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
			EP-1 - BIENNIAL EP PROGRAM INSPECTION		1
1, 2	05/08/2017	05/12/2017	IP 7111402	Alert and Notification System Testing	
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			RS 24 - RADIATION SAFETY		2
1, 2	07/31/2017	08/04/2017	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
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			BRQ - BRQ INSPECTION		3
1, 2	08/28/2017	09/01/2017	IP 7111111B	Licensed Operator Requalification Program	
			7111108 - INSERVICE INSPECTION UNIT 2		1
2	04/02/2018	04/13/2018	IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
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The NRC determined that overall, South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and met all cornerstone objectives. The NRC determined the performance at South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and during the most recent quarter was within the Licensee Response Column of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Action Matrix because all inspection findings had very low (i.e., Green) safety significance, and all PIs indicated that your performance was within the nominal, expected range (i.e., Green). Therefore, the NRC plans to conduct ROP baseline inspections at your facility.

The enclosed inspection plan lists the inspections scheduled through June 30, 2018. Routine inspections performed by resident inspectors are not included in the inspection plan. The inspections listed during the second half of the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised at the end-of-cycle performance review. The NRC provides the inspection plan to allow for the resolution of any scheduling conflicts and personnel availability issues. The NRC will contact you as soon as possible to discuss changes to the inspection plan should circumstances warrant any changes. This inspection plan does not include security related inspections, which will be sent via separate, non-publicly available correspondence.

In response to the accident at Fukushima, the Commission issued Order EA-12-049, "Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Requirements for Mitigation Strategies for Beyond-Design-Basis External Events," and Order EA-12-051, "Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation." The NRC conducted audits of licensee efforts

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