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## STP Leads Industry for Seventh Straight Year

**Wadsworth, Texas – March 8, 2011** – The South Texas Project produced more electricity in 2010 than any other two-unit nuclear power facility in the nation. This marks the seventh consecutive year that STP has been the top producer in the U.S. For the past five years, STP also has led all other two-unit facilities in the world in production.

Combined, the two-unit facility produced 22.21 million megawatt-hours of carbon-free energy in 2010, enough to power more than two million Texas homes. STP Unit 1 ranked second in the nation and fourth globally in terms of production. STP Unit 2 ranked 12th nationally and 28th globally in 2010.

"We never take our eyes off the foundation of our business – the safe and reliable operation of our units," said Ed Halpin, STP Nuclear Operating Company President and CEO. "In 2010, we faced several challenges. Because of our commitment to safety and reliability and a strong collaborative culture, we were positioned and prepared to meet these challenges.

"This production accomplishment would be impressive in a year with no challenges," said Halpin. "To lead the nation again, after last year's challenges, speaks volumes about the talent, experience and commitment of our team."

Last November, STP Unit 2 was forced offline when an electrical fault caused an under voltage condition. More than 600 employees worked an estimated 54,000 man-hours and completed more than 1,400 activities – safely and event-free – to restore Unit 2 to service in just 23 days.

STP remains an industry leader in both safety and production. The facility's recent highlights include:

- Last year, STP surpassed more than 12.5 million labor-hours, operating 34 consecutive months without a restricted duty or lost-time injury.
- Last October, STP was named one of America's Safest Companies by *EHS Today*, a national publication dedicated to the management of risk in the workplace and environment. STP was one of 12 companies nationally selected, and the first nuclear facility in the eight-year history of the award, to be recognized.
- In 2010, STP's annual production costs ranked fourth nationally. STP remains one of the industry's most efficient and economical facilities.

- STP received the Utility Achievement Award from the American Nuclear Society for its prolonged commitment to safe and economical operations.

STP supplies more than 7.5 percent of the electricity used in Texas. The facility is managed by STP Nuclear Operating Company and owned by Austin Energy, CPS Energy and NRG Texas. STP's two-units produce 2,700 megawatts of carbon-free energy, powering more than two million homes throughout Texas. To learn more about STP, visit [www.stpnoc.com](http://www.stpnoc.com).

Note: Rankings based on 2010 generation data published in Platt's *Nucleonics Week* magazine.

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