

September 16, 2004

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-04-025A

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by the Region IV, Arlington, Texas, staff on this date.

Facilities

Entergy Operations, Inc.

River Bend Station

Docket: 50-458

License: NPF-47

Waterford 3

Docket: 50-382

License: NPF-38

Licensee Emergency Classification

Notification of Unusual Event

Alert

Site Area Emergency

General Emergency

Not Applicable

SUBJECT: UPDATE TO REGION IV RESPONSE TO HURRICANE IVAN

DESCRIPTION:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region IV office exited the monitoring mode on September 16, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT). Region IV activated its incident response center at 1 p.m. CDT, Wednesday, September 15, 2004, Region IV augmented the NRC inspectors onsite at the Waterford and River Bend nuclear power plant sites in Louisiana to monitor licensee activities and to review preparations for severe weather. Region IV staff members were dispatched to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region VI office in Denton, Texas, and the State of Louisiana emergency operations center in Baton Rouge.

The Waterford 3 and River Bend Nuclear Stations are currently operating at 100 percent power. The Waterford 3 Steam Electric Station exited the Notice of Unusual Event on September 16, 2004, at 5:02 a. m. CDT. The nuclear reactors at both stations sustained no damage to safety systems from the storm and remained at 100 percent power. Maximum sustained winds near 30 mph, with gusts up to 44 mph were experienced at the Waterford 3 station. Winds began to diminish at the site shortly before Hurricane Ivan made landfall. At 4:00 a.m. CDT, the National Weather Service cancelled the hurricane warning for Saint Charles Parish and other surrounding areas. Maximum sustained winds at the River Bend Station were 14 mph, with gusts up to 20 mph. Based on communication with the FEMA's and the state of Louisiana, the emergency evacuation routes surrounding the stations were not adversely affected by Hurricane Ivan.

The state of Louisiana has been notified.

The information presented herein is current as of 1 p.m. CDT, September 16, 2004.

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