

September 10, 2008

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-2008-008A

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.

**Facility**

ENTERGY OPERATIONS, INC.  
WATERFORD-3  
Killona, LA. 70066  
Docket:50-382 License No.NPF-38

**Licensee Emergency Classification**

Notification of Unusual Event  
 Alert  
 Site Area Emergency  
 General Emergency  
 Not Applicable

RIVER BEND STATION  
St. Francisville, LA 70775  
Docket: 50-458 License No. NPF-47

Notification of Unusual Event  
 Alert  
 Site Area Emergency  
 General Emergency  
 Not Applicable

SUBJECT: NRC RESPONSE TO HURRICANE GUSTAV UPDATE

DESCRIPTION:

On September 2, 2008, at 5:00 p.m., (CDT), the NRC exited the Monitoring Mode following the passage of Hurricane Gustav. The agency coordinated with the licensee and FEMA to perform disaster initiated reviews per Manual Chapter 1601 to assess emergency response capabilities for the restart of both River Bend Station and Waterford 3.

On September 5, 2008, the NRC staff issued a letter approving the restart of Waterford 3 based on the FEMA and NRC joint review that concluded the licensee had performed the necessary actions to ensure their emergency preparedness capabilities were adequate for restart. The emergency preparedness review for River Bend Station was also completed and a letter approving restart was issued on September 9, 2008. River Bend Station is in the process of repairing storm related damage to their turbine building siding.

In addition to monitoring the reactor sites in the vicinity of the storm, Region IV and the states of Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi contacted radioactive material licensees following the passage of Gustav. Region IV received no reports regarding any material licensee impacts from the storm.

This preliminary notification is issued for information only.

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