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SUBJECT: COMMENTS REGARDING SUPPLEMENT 3 TO THE GENERIC
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As stated in Section 4.4.5 of the ANO-1 SEIS, Entergy has implemented an administrative-level environmental procedure to provide additional control over future land disturbances at the ANO site. Based, in part, on these steps taken by Entergy to preclude adverse impacts to cultural resources in future plant activities, the staff concluded that the potential impacts of continued operation on historic and archeological resources are expected to be small, and further mitigation is not warranted. Although the staff agrees with your May 16, 2001, comment that an intensive survey of the plant site may contribute to a more efficient management of the cultural resources at the site, the actions taken by Entergy represent an acceptable alternate method to address this matter, and no further action is required of the applicant.

The staff expects Entergy Operations, Inc. to submit a request to renew the operating license for the ANO-2 facility, at which time the staff will undertake a review of the environmental impacts of that action. Therefore, there will likely be a second opportunity to address this matter during future interactions with Entergy that will be necessary to support that review.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, you can contact me at (301) 415-1120.

Sincerely,

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