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Subject: River Bend Station - Unit 1  
Docket No. 50-458  
License No. NPF-47  
Extension Request for Submittal of Summary Technical Report Regarding  
Reactor Vessel Material Surveillance Program Capsule Test Results

- References:
1. Letter from Carl Terry (BWRVIP Chairman), to NRC Document Control Desk, Attention: C. E. Carpenter, "Project No. 704 – BWRVIP Response to NRC Safety Evaluation of the BWR Integrated Surveillance Program," dated April 29, 2002.
  2. Letter from Robert A. Gramm (NRC) to Mr. Randall K. Edington (Entergy Operations, Inc.), "River Bend Station, Unit 1 – Request to Defer the Testing of the Reactor Vessel Surveillance Capsule Specimens and Request to Extend the Date for Reporting Testing Results (TAC NO. MB0250)," dated February 26, 2001.

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Gentlemen:

On April 29, 2002, in the Reference 1 letter, the Boiling Water Reactor Vessel and Internals Project (BWRVIP) provided a response to the NRC Safety Evaluation of the BWR Integrated Surveillance Program (ISP) and requested an extension to the reporting requirements for the first surveillance capsule to be tested as a part of the ISP. The RBS surveillance capsule is the first plant capsule to be tested as part of the ISP. Because the ISP was only recently accepted by the NRC, implementation details of the ISP have yet to be finalized. The BWRVIP letter (Reference 1) notes that ISP resources can not be allocated in time to complete RBS capsule testing, analysis and reporting of results by September 2002 (Reference 2). The BWRVIP letter requests an extension of the date for reporting of the RBS surveillance capsule test results until February 2003. It notes that

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the extension will not affect the planned Charpy testing or analysis of dosimetry and consequently will not affect the accuracy of the results.

By this letter, RBS also requests NRC approval for extending the date for reporting RBS surveillance capsule test results from September 2002 until February 2003. The basis for the extension is dependent on ISP resources which are not yet available to complete the testing, analysis and reporting of results.

If you have any questions regarding this request or require additional information, please contact Mr. Bill Fountain at (225) 381-4625.



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