

September 25, 2002

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-02-051

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 staff on this date.

**Facility**

LICENSEE: Entergy Operations, Inc.  
FACILITY NAME: Waterford 3 and River Bend  
Station  
LOCATION: Taft (W3) and St. Francisville  
(RBS), Louisiana  
Docket: 50-382 (W3) and 50-458 (RBS)  
License Nos.: NPF-38 (W3) and NPF-47 (RBS)

**Licensee Emergency Classification**

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

SUBJECT: REGION IV RESPONSE TO HURRICANE/SEVERE WEATHER ON GULF COAST

DESCRIPTION: As of 10 a.m. (CDT) on September 25, Tropical Storm Isidore was located approximately 270 miles south of New Orleans, Louisiana. Projected landfall is near New Orleans in the early morning hours on September 26. Waterford 3 Steam Electric Station in Taft, Louisiana, and River Bend Station in St. Francisville, Louisiana, are in or near the projected storm path.

Region IV has terminated routine inspection activities and implemented their hurricane response procedure. The Region IV Incident Response Center will be activated for monitoring of the storm progress and plant conditions beginning at approximately 4 p.m. (CDT) today and will continue until the storm passes and no longer threatens plant operations. Inspectors from the RIV office in Arlington, Texas, are currently on site reviewing licensee preparations for the impending severe weather and to enable the resident inspectors to take care of personal preparations for the storm. They will remain on site to monitor plant conditions until the storm is no longer a threat.

The state of Louisiana has been informed.

Region IV plans to issue a press release. Region IV has informed the OEDO, NRR, and PA.

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