

September 26, 2002

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

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

Entergy Operations, Inc.
Waterford 3 and River Bend Station
Taft, LA (W3)
St. Francisville, LA (RBS)
Dockets: 50-382 (W3) and 50-458 (RBS)
Licenses: NPF-38 (W3) and NPF-47 (RBS)

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: UPDATE OF RESPONSE TO HURRICANE/SEVERE WEATHER ON GULF COAST

DESCRIPTION:

At 8 a.m. on September 26, 2002, Region IV deactivated its Incident Response Center and returned to a normal oversight posture. The Incident Response Center was activated on September 25, 2002, to track Tropical Storm Isidore.

Tropical Storm Isidore made landfall near Leeville, Louisiana, at approximately 4 a.m. this morning. The maximum wind speed experienced at Waterford was 30-38 mph and at the River Bend Station was 9-10 mph. No damage was reported at either site. The primary concerns at Waterford are cleanup from the extensive rains in the New Orleans area; River Bend has no specific actions anticipated. Neither River Bend or Waterford reduced reactor power due to Tropical Storm Isidore. No emergency action levels were entered by either site.

As part of the Region's response, the Region IV Government Liaison Officer co-located with FEMA Region VI in Denton, Texas.

Region IV inspectors will remain on site throughout the day to monitor licensee site activities. The state of Louisiana has been informed.

Region IV has informed the EDO, NRR, and NSIR.

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