

October 4, 2002

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-02-052A

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, Taft, Louisiana  
River Bend Station, St. Francisville, Louisiana  
Grand Gulf, Port Gibson, Mississippi  
Dockets: 50-382 (W3), 50-458 (RBS),  
50-416 (GG)  
License Nos.: NPF-38 (W3), NPF-47 (RBS),  
NPF-29 (GG)

**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 10 p.m. on October 3, 2002, Region IV deactivated its Incident Response Center and returned to a normal oversight posture. The Incident Response Center had been activated at 4 p.m. on October 2, 2002, to track Hurricane Lili.

Hurricane Lili made landfall near New Iberia, Louisiana, at approximately 8 a.m., October 3. Three sites, Waterford-3, River Bend Station, and Grand Gulf, were potentially effected, but Lili tracked west of all three sites. The approximate maximum windspeed experienced at Waterford-3 was 50 mph, at River Bend was 40 mph, and at Grand Gulf was 35 mph. No damage was reported at any site. The only concerns were with respect to the adequacy of the emergency response infrastructures at the sites. The only impediments that have been identified relate to the operability of sirens in the Grand Gulf area. River Bend reduced reactor power as a precautionary action.

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

Region IV inspectors will be on site throughout the day to monitor licensee site activities. The states of Louisiana and Mississippi have been informed.

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

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