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**SUBJECT: RIVER BEND STATION CLARIFICATION AND RESPONSE REGARDING NRC  
INSPECTION REPORT AND FINAL SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINATION  
LETTER FOR A WHITE FINDING AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION (NRC  
INSPECTION REPORT 50-458/02-05)**

Dear Mr. Hinnenkamp:

Thank you for your letter of August 30, 2002, responding to the White finding and associated Notice of Violation, and Green finding at River Bend Station as discussed in our letter of July 31, 2002. You did not contest the White finding and associated 10 CFR 50.54(q) violation for failure to meet emergency planning standard 10 CFR 50.47(b)(7). With regard to the Green finding and associated 10CFR 50.54(q) non-cited violation (NCV) for failure to review changes to the owner controlled area and emergency preparedness equipment for their effect on the emergency plan, you disagreed that a decrease in the effectiveness of the River Bend Station emergency plan occurred. You requested the NRC to recharacterize the NCV without reference to a decrease in emergency plan effectiveness.

Attachment 2 to your August 30, 2002, letter stated that recent 10 CFR 50.54(q) evaluations of the identified changes to the owner controlled area and emergency preparedness equipment were performed. Based on those evaluations you concluded a decrease in effectiveness of the emergency plan did not occur. The NRC has concluded that it cannot recharacterize this NCV without a review of your 10 CFR 50.54(q) evaluations to determine whether you properly determined that a decrease in effectiveness did not occur. This review will be performed as part of the supplemental inspection scheduled for November 25-27, 2002. If your evaluations are determined to be appropriate and complete, we will consider a restatement of the scope of the NCV.

Should you have any questions or comments about this letter, please contact J. Blair Nicholas at (817) 860-8189, Ryan Lantz at (817) 860-8158, or Paul J. Elkmann at (817) 276-6539.

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Sincerely,

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