

September 15, 2004

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-04-025

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, Arlington, Texas, staff on this date.

Facilities

Entergy Operations, Inc.

River Bend Station

Docket: 50-458

License: NPF-47

Waterford 3

Docket: 50-382

License: NPF-38

Licensee Emergency Classification

Notification of Unusual Event for Waterford

Alert

Site Area Emergency

General Emergency

Not Applicable for River Bend

SUBJECT: REGION IV RESPONSE TO HURRICANE IVAN

DESCRIPTION:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region IV office is taking several steps to monitor the effects of Hurricane Ivan on nuclear facilities. The Hurricane is currently a Category 4 storm with winds exceeding 140 miles per hour. Region IV is planning to activate its incident response center by 1 p.m. CDT, Wednesday, September 15, 2004, as Hurricane Ivan nears the Gulf Coast with a projected landfall between Grand Isle, Louisiana, and Apalachicola, Florida. Region IV has additional NRC inspectors onsite at the Waterford and River Bend nuclear power plant sites in Louisiana to monitor licensee activities and to review preparations for severe weather. Region IV staff members were also dispatched to the Federal Emergency Management Agency Region VI office in Denton, Texas, and the State of Louisiana emergency operations center in Baton Rouge. Each of the Agencies have activated their operations centers in preparation for the Hurricane.

The Waterford 3 and River Bend Nuclear Stations are currently operating at 100 percent power. The Waterford 3 Steam Electric Station declared a Notice of Unusual Event on September 14, 2004, at 4:04 p. m. (CDT) because of the issuance of a Hurricane Warning for Saint Charles Parish, Louisiana. Waterford 3 is currently not experiencing any high winds or rain.

The states of Louisiana and Mississippi have been notified.

The information presented herein is current as of 11 a.m. CDT, September 15, 2004.

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