

August 30, 2005

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-05-012A

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.

Facility

ENTERGY OPERATIONS, INC.
Waterford-3
Killona, LA. 70066
Docket: 50-382 License No.NPF-38

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: UPDATE - NOTICE OF UNUSUAL EVENT, PLANT SHUTDOWN, AND LOSS OF OFFSITE POWER AT WATERFORD-3

DESCRIPTION:

This Preliminary Notification is being issued to update recipients of the Notice of Unusual Event (NOUE), plant shutdown, and loss of offsite power at the Waterford-3 facility in response to Hurricane Katrina.

As of August 30, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. (CDT), Waterford-3 remains in the NOUE, because of the loss of offsite power. The plant is no longer under a hurricane warning which was the original basis for the emergency declaration. Preliminary assessment of the Waterford-3 plant identified no significant damage to safety systems and structures. The plant is currently in Mode 4 or "hot shutdown," with both trains of shutdown cooling operable. Onsite safety-related electrical power continues to be provided by the emergency diesel generators. The licensee is continuing efforts to evaluate the condition of the electrical distribution network in the vicinity of the plant which is energized and supplying balance of plant loads. The licensee is planning inspections of electrical transmission facilities in the next 24 hours. Two regional inspectors remain onsite and are monitoring licensee recovery activities.

The NRC remains in the Monitoring Mode with the Region IV Incident Response Center activated to monitor post hurricane recovery actions at Waterford-3. NRC continues to coordinate with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and states to evaluate the impact of the storm on offsite emergency notification and response capabilities.

The information presented herein has been discussed with the licensee and is current as of 9:00 a.m. (CDT) on August 30, 2005. The states of Louisiana and Mississippi have been notified.

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