September 8, 2005

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

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	**Licensee Emergency Classification**
ENTERGY OPERATIONS, INC.	_X_ Notification of Unusual Event
Waterford-3	___ Alert
Killona, LA. 70066	___ Site Area Emergency
Docket: 50-382 License No.NPF-38	___ General Emergency
	___ Not Applicable

SUBJECT: FINAL UPDATE - EXIT OF THE NOTICE OF UNUSUAL EVENT AT WATERFORD-3

DESCRIPTION:

This Preliminary Notification provides a final update on the Notification of Unusual Event (NOUE), plant shutdown, and loss of offsite power at the Waterford-3 facility in response to Hurricane Katrina. Waterford-3 exited the NOUE declared due to hurricane conditions on August 29. The NOUE for loss of offsite power was exited on September 1. The NOUE for loss of key communications equipment was exited on September 7 at 5:40 p.m. (CDT).

The plant is currently in a cold shutdown condition with all required safety systems available. The licensee will not commence reactor startup until NRC has approved restart. NRC's reactor restart decision will be based on independent assessments of readiness by NRC inspectors and DHS-FEMA staff.

The NRC exited the Monitoring Mode of incident response on the evening of September 6. NRC Region IV staff continues to review post-hurricane recovery actions and plant activities at Waterford-3. NRC inspectors are continuing around the clock coverage of plant recovery activities.

The information presented herein has been discussed with the licensee and is current as of 7:15 a.m. (CDT) on September 8, 2005. The states of Louisiana and Mississippi have been notified.

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