

September 23, 2005

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-05-013

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

River Bend Station
St. Francisville, LA 70775
Docket:50-458 License No. NPF-47

SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT NUCLEAR
OPERATING COMPANY
South Texas Project
Wadsworth, TX 77483
Docket:50-498, 499 License No. NPF-76, 80

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: NRC ENTERS MONITORING MODE DUE TO HURRICANE RITA

DESCRIPTION:

This Preliminary Notification is being issued to inform recipients that on September 23, 2005, at 8:00 a.m. (EDT), the NRC entered the Monitoring Mode and activated the Region IV Incident Response and Headquarters Operations Centers.

The NRC entered the Monitoring Mode to track Hurricane Rita and to be prepared for actions in the event that the hurricane impacts the Waterford-3, the South Texas Project, or the River Bend Station nuclear power plants. As of September 23, 2005, at 8:00 a.m. (EDT), no hurricane force winds were projected at these sites and the maximum projected onsite wind speed for all three sites was expected to be less than 50 mph. The licensees at all three facilities have completed contingency preparations for the storm.

Region IV and NRC Headquarters are monitoring the storm and inspectors are available at all these sites to evaluate plant conditions and respond to any plant impacts from the storm. The NRC's Emergency Response Data System has been activated at all three potentially affected facilities. This allows NRC monitoring of real-time plant system and meteorological data for the three sites.

This preliminary notification is issued for information only. The NRC staff plans to continue to monitor the hurricane status and the impact on Waterford-3, South Texas Project, and River Bend Station and is prepared to respond as necessary to any adverse impacts on the plants from the storm.

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