September 26, 2005

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

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
_X_ Not Applicable

SUBJECT: NRC EXITS MONITORING MODE FOR HURRICANE RITA

DESCRIPTION:

This Preliminary Notification Update is being issued to inform recipients that on September 24, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. (CDT), the NRC exited the Monitoring Mode of incident response that had been entered due to Hurricane Rita.

The NRC entered the Monitoring Mode on September 23, 2005, to track Hurricane Rita and be prepared for actions in the event that the hurricane impacted the Waterford-3, the South Texas Project, or the River Bend Station nuclear power plants. Region IV and NRC Headquarters monitored the storm and inspectors were onsite at each facility providing 24-hour site coverage monitoring plant activities. No plant operational problems were experienced at the facilities. None of the units were required to shut down or reduce power output during the storm. None of the plants experienced tropical storm force winds or flooding.

With respect to Agreement State and radioactive materials issues, Region IV maintained liaison contacts with FEMA Region VI, the State of Louisiana, and the State of Texas to support any requests for assistance. There have been no reports of any nuclear materials licensee problems.

This preliminary notification is issued for information only.

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