

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  
 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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