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Subject: Acceptance Review Result for ANO-1&2 Exemption Request of March 18, 2010 (TAC Nos. ME3548 and ME3549)

Reference: Request for Exemption from Exemption from the Requirements of 10 CFR 50.36a(a)(2), Submittal Date for the Radioactive Effluent Release Report
Arkansas Nuclear One - Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos.: 50-313 and 50-368
TAC No.: ME3548 and ME3549

Dave and Bob:

By letter dated March 18, 2010, Entergy Operations, Inc. (Entergy) submitted, in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.12, a request to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for approval of an exemption from specific requirements of 10 CFR 50.36a(a)(2), Submittal Date for the Radioactive Effluent Release Report for Arkansas Nuclear One, Units 1 and 2 (ANO-1 and 2). The proposed exemption requests a change to the submittal date of the report to that of the Technical Specification (TS) date of "prior to May 1" of each year.

ANO-1 TS 5.5.1 and ANO-2 TS 6.5.1 require the Radioactive Effluent Release Report to be submitted prior to May 1 of each year in accordance with 10 CFR 50.36a which also states that the interval between submittals must not exceed 12 months. Originally, both units' TSs required this report be submitted either prior to March 1 or within 60 days after January 1 of each year. Later, through several TS changes, the requirement became prior to May 1 of each year. However, while the TS changes revised the submittal date, they did not address the 12-month interval between submittals that is required by 10 CFR 50.36a(a)(2), and the actual submittal date remained at the end of February of each year. This has resulted in a period of only two months, available to prepare and submit the report, which presents an undue administrative burden on ANO personnel due to the compressed schedule for data collection, report preparation, and internal review following the closure of the reporting period. The proposed one-time exemption allows an additional two months for these activities to match the current submittal date stated in the TS.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that adequate technical information, in sufficient detail, will be available to enable the staff to proceed with its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the exemption request, in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. If additional information is needed for the staff to complete its technical review, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1480.

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