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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO RIVER BEND STATION REPLY TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION EA-10-095 IN NRC TRIENNIAL FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTION REPORT 05000458/2010006

Dear Mr. Perito:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter and attachments (RBG-47046) dated, July 19, 2010, in which you responded to a notice of violation NOV 05000458/2010006-01, "Failure to Ensure at Least One Train of Equipment Necessary to Achieve Hot Shutdown Conditions is Free of Fire Damage."

The notice of violation requested that your response include information about decisions to extend the completion of necessary plant modifications beyond the October 2009 refueling outage. The decision-making process described in the letter was consistent with our understanding from the inspection. However, your response did not specifically address your assessment of the appropriateness of the decisions to extend the completion of necessary plant modifications beyond the October 2009 refueling outage. This information is required to determine whether the corrective actions for this violation were appropriate.

In a telephone conversation on August 13, 2010, with Roy Caniano, Director, Division of Reactor Safety, you agreed to submit a supplemental response to the Notice of Violation to address your assessment of the appropriateness of the decisions to extend the schedule for completing the plant modification and to provide additional information concerning the engineering quality problems and parts availability that caused the delays in completing timely corrective actions.

The response letter stated that although you agreed with the finding related to the fire protection requirements for a main control room fire, you requested that the NRC reconsider the issuance of the notice of violation and that the portion of the notice of violation involving timeliness of corrective actions be re-characterized. We have reviewed the information provided in your letter and noted that no new information was provided beyond what was reviewed as part of the inspection. After reviewing your letter and our finding, the NRC has concluded that the violation was appropriate.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC web site at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Sincerely,

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