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Mr. Eric W. Olson
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SUBJECT: RIVER BEND STATION - NOTIFICATION OF INSPECTION (NRC INSPECTION REPORT 05000458/2012002) AND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Dear Mr. Olson:

From January 30 through February 10, 2012, Reactor Inspectors from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Region IV office will perform the baseline inspection of changes, tests, experiments, and permanent plant modifications at River Bend Station, using NRC Inspection Procedure 71111.17, "Evaluations of Changes, Tests, Experiments, and Permanent Plant Modifications."

Experience has shown that this inspection is resource intensive both for the NRC inspectors and your staff. In order to minimize the impact to your onsite resources and to ensure a productive inspection, we have enclosed a request for documents needed for this inspection. Upon review of these documents, the inspectors will select additional documentation for review upon arrival. It is important that all of these documents are up-to-date and complete in order to minimize the number of additional documents requested during the preparation and/or the onsite portions of the inspection.

We have discussed the schedule for these inspection activities with your staff and understand that our regulatory contact for this inspection will be Christina Perino of your regulatory affairs organization. If there are any questions about this inspection or the material requested, please contact the lead inspector Wayne Sifre at 817-200-1193 or by email (wayne.sifre@nrc.gov).

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Sincerely,

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Information Request for River Bend Station
Evaluations of Changes, Tests, or Experiments and
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Evaluations of Changes, Tests, or Experiments and Permanent Plant Modification

Inspection Dates: January 30 – February 10, 2012

Inspection Procedures: IP 71111.17 “Evaluation of Changes, Tests, or Experiments and Permanent Plant Modifications”

Inspectors: Wayne Sifre, Senior Reactor Inspector, Lead Inspector
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Information Requested for sample selection and the In-Office Preparation Week

The information in Section I and Section II should be sent to the Region IV office in hard copy or electronic format (Certrec database preferred), in care of Wayne Sifre. To facilitate the selection of specific items that will be reviewed during the onsite inspection week, please submit Section I by January 2, 2012 and Section II by January 23, 2012. We ask that you categorize the documents in your response with the numbered list below. If requested documents are large and only hard copy formats are available, please inform the inspectors. If you have any questions regarding this information request, please call the lead inspector as soon as possible.

Section I (Information by January 2, 2012)

The first group lists information necessary for our initial inspection scoping. Upon review of these documents, the inspectors will select a number of samples greater than required sample size. This will allow for the inspectors to focus on the most safety significant requests.

Note: Description of screenings should be of sufficient detail that inspectors can determine the significance of the issue.

1. A list with descriptions, of all 10 CFR 50.59 screenings (or equivalent) performed since February 24, 2009, which did not result in an evaluation.
2. A list with descriptions, of all 10 CFR 50.59 evaluations performed which did not result in an application for license amendment to NRC and meet the following criteria from February 24, 2009, to the present.
 - Updated Final Safety Analysis Report changes that have been updated in accordance with 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4).
 - Modifications that are field work complete.
 - Changes to calculations that have been issued
3. A list with descriptions of all permanent plant modifications dating from February 24, 2009. For this inspection, permanent plant modifications include permanent plant changes, design changes, setpoint changes, procedure changes, equivalency evaluations, suitability analyses, calculations, and commercial grade dedications.

4. A list with descriptions of all Corrective Action documents related to 50.59 activities, including screenings and evaluations and your permanent plant modification program and its implementation since February 24, 2009.

Section II (Information by January 23, 2012)

The second group of documents requested is needed to support our in-office preparation week and our on-site inspection activities. It is also requested that corrective action documents and responses to questions developed during the inspection be provided to the inspector as the documents are generated.

5. Complete documentation/packages pertaining to the requested 50.59 screens, 50.59 evaluations, modifications, and corrective action documents to support final sample selection.
6. River Bend Station procedures for conducting 10 CFR 50.59 screenings and evaluations.
7. A listing of personnel qualified to prepare 10 CFR 50.59 screenings and evaluations, including qualification dates.
8. A listing of personnel qualified to review and approve 10 CFR 50.59 screenings and/or evaluations, including qualification dates.
9. River Bend Station procedures for implementing and controlling permanent plant modifications.

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