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December 5, 2011

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SUBJECT: RIVER BEND STATION - NRC SECURITY INSPECTION REPORT  
05000458/2011402

Dear Mr. Olson:

On November 10, 2011, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a security baseline inspection at your River Bend Station. The inspection covered one or more of the key attributes of the security cornerstone of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process. The enclosed inspection report documents the inspection results, which were discussed on October 6, 2011, with Mr. E. Olson, Vice President, Operations and other members of your staff. On November 10, 2011, an additional telephonic exit was conducted with J. Roberts, Director, Nuclear Safety Assurance, and other staff members.

The inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to security and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. The inspectors reviewed selected procedures and records, observed activities, and interviewed personnel.

This report documents one NRC-identified finding of very low security significance (i.e., Green as determined by the physical protection significance determination process). This deficiency was promptly corrected or compensated for and the plant was in compliance with applicable physical protection and security requirements within the scope of this inspection before the inspectors left the site. However, because of the very low security significance, and because this violation was entered into your corrective action program, the NRC is treating this violation as a noncited violation (NCV) consistent with Section 2.3.2 of the NRC Enforcement Policy.

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Additionally, the NRC-identified finding had a crosscutting aspect in the area of Human Performance associated with Decision Making, in that your staff failed to conduct an effective review of security-significant decisions to verify the validity of the underlying assumptions (H.1.b). If you disagree with the crosscutting aspect assigned to the finding in this report, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your disagreement, to the Regional Administrator, Region IV, and the NRC Resident Inspectors at River Bend Station.

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Sincerely,

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