



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV

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Docket No: 50-458
License No: NPF-47

Entergy Operations, Inc.
ATTN: John R. McGaha, Vice President -
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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF ENFORCEMENT DISCRETION FOR ENTERGY OPERATIONS, INC.,
REGARDING RIVER BEND STATION

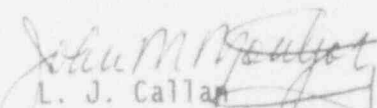
By letter dated February 17, 1994, you requested the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to exercise its discretion not to enforce compliance with the required actions in Technical Specification 3.6.1.10, "Penetration Valve Leakage Control System." You informed the NRC that River Bend Station would not be in compliance with Technical Specification 3.6.1.10 as of February 19, 1994, at 8:02 p.m. (CST) because repairs to and modification of the Division II penetration valve leakage control system compressor would not be completed within the 7-day allowed outage time. The expiration of the Limiting Condition for Operation associated with Technical Specification 3.6.1.10 requires the plant to be in a shutdown condition within 12 hours. Your request for enforcement discretion was based on the need to avert an unnecessary plant shutdown while repairs and modifications to the Division II penetration valve leakage control system compressor are completed. You provided, as justification for continued operation, an analysis which demonstrated that the loss of one penetration valve leakage control system compressor results in an insignificant increase in core damage frequency. In addition, the Division I train of the penetration valve leakage control system was fully capable of preventing fission product leakage from the containment following a loss of coolant accident. Your February 17, 1994, written justification stated that this other penetration valve leakage control system train is currently operable and has been functioning reliably.

On the basis of our review of your justification, the staff has concluded that this course of action involves minimum or no safety impact, and we are clearly satisfied that this exercise of enforcement discretion is warranted from a public health and safety perspective. Therefore, it is our intention to exercise discretion not to enforce compliance with Technical Specification 3.6.1.10, "Penetration Valve Leakage Control System," for the period from February 19, 1994 at 8:02 p.m. (CST) to March 5, 1994, at 8:02 p.m. (CST). The staff informed Entergy Operations, Inc., of this decision on

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the afternoon of February 18, 1994. This letter formally communicates and documents this decision. We will consider enforcement action, as appropriate, for the conditions that led to the need for this exercise of enforcement discretion.

for 
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Regional Administrator

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