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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV

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Docket: 50-458
License: NPF-47

Entergy Operations, Inc.
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-458/94-08 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the inspection conducted by W. F. Smith and C. E. Skinner of this office on March 13 through April 23, 1994. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your River Bend Station facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain licensed activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The violations are of concern because members of your staff failed to comply with established procedures. We are particularly concerned about the violation involving the improper installation and verification of an electrical danger-hold tag, because of the personnel safety implications of any deficiencies in your clearance process.

It was identified by one of your nuclear equipment operators that a 4-inch secondary containment penetration was breached, and this was in violation of Technical Specification 3.6.5.1. This violation is not being cited because the criteria in paragraph VII.B.2 of Appendix C to 10 CFR Part 2 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," were satisfied.

During this inspection, a number of issues were identified that raise concerns about management oversight of activities at the facility. These concerns include such items as: the failure of plant personnel to follow a procedure for the performance of a surveillance activity, the failure of an operator to enter a deficient condition into the corrective action program when it was identified, the lack of attention to details during the performance of plant tours by operations personnel, and a radiation protection technician not following good radiological protection practices for entry into a

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radiologically controlled area. The items are of concern because they represent continuing problems that have been identified during previous NRC inspection activities. In addition, we are concerned about the continuing problems you are experiencing with the implementation of procedures in the field, as discussed in Section 5.2 of the attached report.

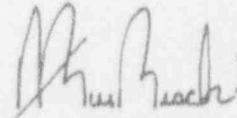
You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



A. Bill Beach, Director
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report
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