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EA 55-193

Entergy Operations, Inc. ATTN: J. W. Yelverton, Vice President Operations, Arkansas Nuclear One 1448 S.R. 333 Russellville, Arkansas 72801-0967

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-313/95-24; 50-368/95-24

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. J. F. Melfi of this office on August 28 through September 6, 1995, at the Arkansas Nuclear One, Units 1 and 2, facility. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements. 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. This inspection reviewed your staff's identification of a design deficiency, where, under certain circumstances, both trains of emergency feedwater would be rendered inoperable upon the failure of a single electrical power supply and the actions taken upon discovery of the condition. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, a violation involving design control was identified and was considered for escalated enforcement action in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions" (Enforcement Policy), (NUREG-1600, 60 FR 34381; June 30, 1995). The violation is of concern because a past design change failed to maintain the design bases of the plant in that a single failure vulnerability was introduced that would have caused both trains of emergency feedwater system to become inoperable. Therefore, in accordance with the Enforcement Policy, this violation would be classified at Severity Level III and considered for a civil penalty. However, the NRC considered the following circumstances surrounding this violation in determining the appropriate enforcement action: (1) Entergy Operations, Inc., discovered this problem as a result of a voluntary initiative to validate its Abnormal Operating Procedures; (2) Entergy took appropriate corrective action, as described in the report; (3) this was a problem that was unlikely to have been discovered through routine efforts such as surveillance testing or quality assurance activities; and (4) this problem was the result of a design change made in 1985 and is not indicative of current performance. In consideration of these factors, and the criteria discussed in Section VII.B.3 of the Enforcement Policy, I have been authorized after consultation with the Director, Office of

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Enforcement and the Deputy Executive Director for Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Regional Operations and Research, to refrain from issuing a Notice of Violation and considering a civil penalty in this case.

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

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

Sincerely,

Regional Administrator

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Enclosure: NRC Inspection Report 50-313/95-24; 50-368/95-24

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