

Docket No. 50-458

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Gentlemen:

Subject: Issuance of Draft Environmental Statement (DES) - River Bend Station

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the Draft Environmental Statement (DES) related to operation of the River Bend Station (NUREG-1073). This DES was prepared in accordance with the statement of general policy and procedure on implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as set forth in the Commission's regulation, 10 CFR 51. Today, this statement has been sent to the Environmental Protection Agency and notice of its availability is being forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication. Comments will be due within 45 days after publication in the Federal Register by the Environmental Protection Agency's listing notifying the public of issuance of the impact statement.

Sincerely,

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A. Schwencer, Chief
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Enclosures:

1. DES - NUREG-1073 (10)
2. Federal Register Notice

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Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Part 51, notice is hereby given that a Draft Environmental Statement (NUREG-1073) has been prepared by the Commission's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation related to the proposed operation of the River Bend Station located on the Mississippi River in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana. The Draft Environmental Statement (DES) addresses the aquatic, terrestrial, radiological, social and economic impacts associated with normal station operation. Station accidents are addressed in Section 5.9 of this statement.

Copies of NUREG-1073 are available for inspection by the public in the Commission's Public Document Room at 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555, and at the Louisiana State University, Government Document Department, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803.

Interested persons may submit comments on this DES for the Commission's consideration. Federal, State, and specified local agencies are being provided with copies of the DES. Other local agencies may obtain these documents upon request.

Comments by Federal State and local officials, or other members of the public received by the Commission will be made available for public

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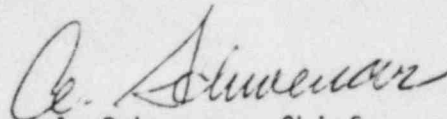
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inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room in Washington, D.C. and the Louisiana State University. Comments are due by October 1, 1984. After consideration of the comments submitted on the DES, the Commission's staff will prepare a Final Environmental Statement, the availability of which will be published in the Federal Register.

Comments on the Draft Environmental Statement from interested members of the public should be addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Licensing.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this *9th* day of *August* 1984.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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