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License No. NPF-47
Request for Additional Information Pertaining to Drywell Bypass
Leakage

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- Reference:
1. RBG-41525, License Amendment Request (LAR) 95-06, Change to Technical Specification 3/4.6.2.2, "Drywell Bypass Leakage", dated May 30, 1995
 2. GNRO-95/00128 and RBG-42193, Drywell Leak Rate Testing Requirements Proposed Amendment to the Operating License, dated November 20, 1995

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Gentlemen:

In a recent telephone conference call, Entergy Operations, Inc. (EOI) personnel representing Grand Gulf Nuclear Station (GGNS) and River Bend Station (RBS) discussed with NRC representatives the proposed change to the drywell bypass leakage Technical Specifications for each plant. In the call, the NRC requested that EOI commit to qualitatively assess drywell leaktightness once per operating cycle.

By this letter, EOI agrees to perform such an assessment for RBS. The assessment will provide reasonable assurance that the drywell can perform its safety function; that is, remain OPERABLE.

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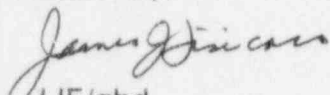
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The assessment will involve trending drywell pressure vs. containment pressure. Because of normal air system leakage in containment, RBS must periodically vent containment. By trending drywell pressure changes vs. containment pressure changes and observing the time it takes for the pressures to recover, a gross evaluation of drywell integrity may be determined.

The first assessment will be performed prior to Cycle 8.

The qualitative assessment and schedule for performance have been discussed with the NRR Project Manager. If you have any further questions on this subject, please contact Mr. Guy Davant of my staff.

Sincerely,


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