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Clarification Letter for License Amendment Request (LAR) 95-21

- References:
1. RBG-42084, License Amendment Request (LAR) 95-21, "Change to Technical Specifications 3.6.1.1 through 3.6.1.3, 'Containment Systems,'" dated October 24, 1995
 2. RBG-42198, "Clarification Letter for License Amendment Request (LAR) 95-21," dated November 22, 1995
 3. NRC letter from C.I. Grimes to Dr. D.J. Modeen (NEI), dated November 2, 1995

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Gentlemen:

In Reference 1, Entergy Operations included proposed changes to the River Bend Technical Specification Bases for your information during review of the subject license amendment. In Reference 2, we submitted certain clarifications of the original amendment and indicated our desire that, to the maximum extent possible, the River Bend Technical Specifications to implement 10CFR50, Appendix J, Option B, match the generic implementing specifications described in Reference 3.

It has since been brought to our attention that the information copy of the Bases provided with Reference 1 for River Bend specification SR 3.0.2 (re. extensions to surveillance intervals)

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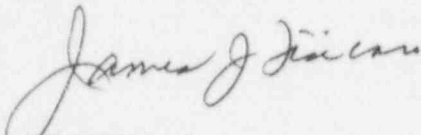
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does not match the bases proposed in the generic implementing specifications. The bases for SR 3.0.2 discusses the fact that the provisions of SR 3.0.2 may not be used to extend a surveillance interval if the interval is specified in regulations. A specific example is provided in the text to the effect that a surveillance interval associated with Appendix J may not be changed since the interval is specified in 10CFR (i.e., federal regulations). The generic implementing specifications modify this example to reflect the shift to performance-based surveillance intervals in 10CFR50, Appendix J, Option B.

As we stated in Reference 2, we intend to match the generic implementing specifications to the maximum extent possible. As such, we will implement the SR 3.0.2 bases as described in Reference 3 concurrent with implementation of our 10CFR50 Appendix J, Option B program.

If there are any questions regarding this issue or if we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. T.W. Gates at (504) 381-4866.

Sincerely,



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