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Gentlemen:

Please find attached a summary report of the "Notification of Unusual Event" (NOUE) which was declared at River Bend Station on December 19, 1995. The NOUE was declared based on Emergency Action Level 3. This summary report is submitted pursuant the River Bend Station Emergency Plan, Table 13.3-1.

Should you have any questions, please contact D. N. Lorring at (504) 381-4157.

Sincerely,

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RIVER BEND STATION
NOTIFICATION OF UNUSUAL EVENT

On December 19, 1995 at approximately 0847 with the reactor at approximately 85% power (Mode 1) and coasting down for Refueling Outage 6, a manual reactor scram was initiated after a reactor recirculation pump trip. The reactor pressure transients associated with the trip resulted in a valve packing leak located in the drywell. Subsequently, unidentified drywell leakage increased above the River Bend Station Technical Specification 3.4.5 limit of 5.0 gpm. Based on this leakage, at 1047, a Notification of Unusual Event (NOUE) was declared in accordance with Emergency Implementing Procedure EIP-2-001, NOUE Emergency Action Level 3. An entry was made into the drywell at about 1400 to identify the leakage which was found to be coming from the High Pressure Core Spray pump discharge header check valve actuator. The leak was subsequently secured and the NOUE was terminated at 1526 December 19, 1995.

Initial notification to the States of Louisiana and Mississippi and the five local governments within the ten-mile Emergency Planning Zone was completed at 1109. The NRC Incident Response Center was notified at 1115. Notification of the event termination to the state and local governments was completed at 1538 and the NRC was completed at 1526 December 19, 1995.

Times are Central Standard Time.