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Subject: River Bend Station - Unit 1 Docket No. 50-458 License No. NPF-47 Request for Additional Information Pertaining to License Amendment Request (LAR) 95-04, Changes to Technical Specifications Concerning Fuel Handling Accident Conditions

File No. G9.5, G9.42

- Reference: 1. RBG-42311, Request for Additional Information Pertaining to License Amendment Request (LAR) 95-04, Changes to Technical Specifications Concerning Fuel Handling Accident Conditions, dated December 20, 1995
  - RBG-41728, License Amendment Request (LAR) 95-04, Change to Technical Specifications Concerning Fuel Handling Accident Conditions, dated August 17, 1995

RBG-42322 RBF1-95-00324

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In a letter to the NRC (Reference 1), Entergy Operations, Inc. (EOI) submitted a proposed Operating License Condition (OLC) to augment License Amendment Request (LAR) 95-04, Changes to Technical Specifications Concerning Fuel Handling Accident Conditions (Reference 2).

in a telephone call on December 21, 1995, NRC raised concerns regarding the proposed OLC. To address these concerns, EOI revises the proposed OLC as follows (revision in *bold italics* type):

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> "Primary containment air lock doors may be open during CORE ALTERATIONS, except when moving recently irradiated fuel (*i.e., fuel that has occupied part of a critical reactor core within the previous 11 days*), provided the following conditions exist:

- 1) One door in each air lock is capable of being closed
- Hoses and cables running through the air lock employ a means to allow safe, quick disconnect and are tagged at both ends with specific instructions to expedite removal
- 3) There is a minimum of 23 feet of water over the core
- The air lock doors are not blocked open to allow expeditious closure
- A designated individual is available to expeditiously close the air lock doors
- Systems are available to filter and monitor releases from the containment"

In Reference 1, EOI documented our interpretation for each item. These interpretations do not change with this revised proposed OLC.

This revised proposed OLC does not impact the original No Significant Hazards Consideration provided in Reference 2.

If you have any further questions on this subject, please contact Mr. Guy Davant of my staff.

Sincerely,

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