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Entergy Operations, Inc. ATTN: Ross P. Barkhurst, Vice President Operations, Waterford P.O. Box B Killona, Louisiana 70066

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-382/95-20 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. Phillip Qualls and William Ang of this office on November 13-17. 1995. and January 16-18, 1996, at the Waterford Steam Electric Station. Unit 3, facility. The purpose of the inspection was to review the circumstances surrounding two matters investigated by NRC's Office of Investigations and to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report. As a result of this inspection, the NRC's actions concerning Investigation Report Nos. 4-95-035 and 4-95-044 are considered closed.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that a violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding it are described in detail in the subject inspection report. The violation involved the willful failure of low level individuals to provide compensatory measures for fire protection system impairments. Our concern regarding this violation is heightened because the failure to provide adequate fire watch tours appears to have the same root causes as a similar violation that occurred in 1993 (documented in NRC Inspection Report 50-382/93-10). Notwithstanding, your self identification and action to correct the violation, the violation is being cited due to its recurring nature. You should note that if this type of violation continues to recur at the Waterford 3 facility, the NRC may consider escalating enforcement sanctions against Entergy Operations. Inc., the involved individuals, or both.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately

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addresses the required response. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosures, and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction.

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection. we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely.

Thomas P. Gwyn ector Division of Reactor Safety

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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation

2. NRC Inspection Report 50-382/95-20 w/attachments

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