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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Entergy Operations, Inc. (EA 96-025)
Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3
Docket No. 50-382

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$50,000

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of \$50,000 will be issued on or about March 28, 1996, to Entergy Operations, Inc. This action is based on a failure to implement effective actions to correct a known design deficiency in the Auxiliary Component Cooling Water (ACCW) system, Waterford station's ultimate heat sink. The design problem resulted in air intrusion into the ACCW system and could have, under certain conditions, resulted in a hydraulic transient (water hammer) that could have damaged the system to the point where the system would not have been capable of performing its intended safety function.

In determining the penalty, the licensee was not given credit for identification since the violations were discovered after an NRC inspection and because of the many prior opportunities Entergy had to have recognized the need for effective corrective action for the actual design deficiency. However, the licensee was given credit for its corrective actions once the problem was raised by the NRC.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Notice	March 28, 1996
Telephone Notification of Licensee	March 28, 1996

The State of Louisiana will be notified.

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