NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Entergy Operations, Inc. River Bend Station

Docket No. 50-458 License No. NPF-47 EA 96-329

During an NRC inspection conducted on July 29 through August 27, 1996, violations of NRC requirements were identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violations are listed below:

Technical Specification Surveillance Requirement 3.0 1 states, in part, that Surveillance Requirements shall be met during the MODES or other specified conditions in the Applicability for individual Limiting Conditions for Operation, unless otherwise stated in the Surveillance Requirement.

A. Surveillance Requirement 3.8.4.8 requires the licensee to verify that battery capacity is ≥ 80% of the manufacturer's rating when subjected to a performance discharge test. The FREQUENCY of this test is 60 months AND 18 months, when the battery shows degradation or has reached 85% of expected life.

Contrary to the above, the licensee failed to perform Surveillance Requirement 3.8.4.8 within the 18-month required frequency, the appropriate frequency since the battery had shown degradation. (01013)

B. Surveillance Requirement 3.8.4.7 requires the licensee to verify that battery capacity is adequate to supply, and maintain in OPERABLE status, the required emergency loads for the design duty cycle when subjected to a battery service test. The FREQUENCY of this test is 18 months.

Contrary to the above, the licensee failed to perform Surveillance Requirement 3.8.4.7 within the 18-month required frequency. (01023)

C. Surveillance Requirement 3.6.5.2.5 requires the licensee to verify, from an initial pressure of 75 psig, that the drywell air lock seal pneumatic system pressure does not decay at a rate equivalent to > 0.67 psig for a period of 24 hours. The FREQUENCY of this test is 18 months.

Contrary to the above, the licensee failed to perform Surveillance Requirement 3.6.5.2.5 because a satisfactory test of the drywell air lock seal system was not performed within the required 18-month frequency. (01033)

D. Surveillance Requirement 3.6.5.1.2 requires the licensee to verify, from an initial pressure of 75 psig, that the personnel door inflatable seal pneumatic system pressure does not decay at a

rate equivalent to ≥ 0.67 psig for a period of 24 hours. The FREQUENCY of this test is 18 months.

Contrary to the above, the licensee failed to perform Surveillance Requirement 3.6.5.1.2 because a satisfactory test of the personnel door inflatable seal pneumatic system was not performed within the required 18-month frequency. (01043)

E. Surveillance Requirement 3.7.2.2 requires the licensee to perform required CRFA [control room fresh air] filter testing in accordance with Ventilation Filter Testing Program. Surveillance Requirement 3.6.4.3.2 requires the licensee to perform required SGT [standby gas treatment] filter testing in accordance with Ventilation Filter Testing Program. Surveillance Requirement 3.6.4.6.2 requires the licensee to perform required fuel building ventilation charcoal filtration filter testing in accordance with Ventilation Filter Testing Program.

The Ventilation Filter Testing Program. Section 5.5.7.d of the Technical Specification requires the licensee to demonstrate for each of the ESF [engineered safeguards features] systems that the pressure drop across the prefilters is less than the value specified below.

Contrary to the above, the licensee failed to perform Surveillance Requirements 3.7.2.2, 3.6.4.3.2, and 3.6.4.6.2 because testing of the system prefilters was not performed. (01053)

F. Surveillance Requirement 3.6.1.1.1 requires the licensee to perform required leakage rate testing in accordance with the Primary Containment Leakage Rate Testing Program. The FREQUENCY of this test is in accordance with the Containment Leakage Rate Testing Program.

The Primary Containment Leakage Rate Program, as provided in Procedure ADM-0050. Revision 4. states, in part, that if the leakage for Valve 1SWP-MOV503A is less than 1200 scfm for two consecutive tests, then the valve can be tested every 5 years vice every 2 years.

Contrary to the above, the licensee failed to perform Surveillance Requirement 3.6.1.1.1 because the as-found leakage for Valve 1SWP-MOV503A was not measured during the last test performance and the licensee incorrectly assumed that the valve had passed the leakage criteria, and as a result, the test at the 2 year interval was not performed. (01063)

These violations represent a Severity Level III problem (Supplement I).

The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reasons for the violations, the corrective actions taken and planned to correct the violations and prevent recurrence and the date when full compliance will be achieved is already adequately addressed on the docket in NRC Inspection Report 50-458/96-26, LER 96-014-00 dated August 9, 1996, and Entergy's October 10, 1996. "Response to Apparent Violations." However, Entergy Operations, Inc. (Licensee), is required to submit a written statement or explanation pursuant to 10 CFR 2.201 if the description therein does not accurately reflect its corrective actions or its position. In that case, or if the Licensee chooses to respond, clearly mark the response as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation," and send it to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region IV, 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 400, Arlington, Texas 76011, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice).

Dated at Arlington, Texas this 7th day of November 1996