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## Gentlemen

This letter updates Entergy Operations, Inc., (EOI) supplemental response to Generic Letter 88-20, Supplement 4, dated June 23, 1994. In that response EOI indicated that the Individual Plant Evaluation of External Events (IPEEE) for River Bend Station (RBS) would be submitted by December 31, 1994. The majority of the IPEEE for RBS has been completed. The Fire, Seismic and Other External Events Analyses have been completed and no vulnerabilities were identified. However, the Peer Review process and discussions with other EOI sites showed that the level of conservatism in the Fire Analysis portion of the IPEEE varied from site to site. In an effort to understand these differences, RBS believes that it is prudent to further compare the methodology and assumptions between the EOI sites prior to submittal of its IPEEE. Even after further comparison of the methodology and assumptions, the level of conservatism in the site analyses may differ due to differences in the availability of information and the design characteristics of the sites. As discussed recently with NRC staff, RBS is revising its IPEEE submittal date to June 27, 1995. This will provide the time necessary to compare the methodology and assumptions used in the RBS Fire Analysis to those used at other EOI sites.

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Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. O. P. Bulich of my staff at (504) 336-6251.

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