

ENCLOSURE 1

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Entergy Operations, Inc.
River Bend Station

Docket No.: 50-458
License No.: NPF-47

During an NRC inspection conducted on October 12 through November 29, 1997, one violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violation is listed below:

Technical Specification Surveillance Requirement 3.0.1 states, in part, "failure to meet a Surveillance, whether such failure is experienced during the performance of the Surveillance or between performances of the Surveillance, shall be failure to meet the LCO."

Technical Specification Surveillance Requirement 3.6.1.2.1 states, in part, "Perform required primary containment air lock leakage rate testing in accordance with the Primary Containment Leakage Rate Testing Program."

Technical Specification 3.6.1.2, Condition A, applies to containment air locks with one door inoperable. Technical Specification 3.6.1.2, Condition B, applies to containment air locks with the primary containment air lock interlock mechanism inoperable.

Technical Specification 3.6.1.2, Condition C, requires, in part, with one or more primary containment air locks inoperable for reasons other than Technical Specification 3.6.1.2, Conditions A or B, immediately initiate action to evaluate primary containment overall leakage rate per Technical Specification 3.6.1.1, using current air lock test results.

Contrary to the above, on October 30, 1997, at 8 a.m., the lower primary containment air lock failed during the performance of Technical Specification Surveillance Requirement 3.6.1.2.1, thus rendering the air lock inoperable for reasons other than Technical Specification 3.6.1.2, Conditions A or B, and action to evaluate primary containment overall leakage rate per Technical Specification 3.6.1.1, using current air lock test results, was not completed.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement I) (50-458/9717-04).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Entergy Operations, Inc. is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation 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). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response may reference

or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a Demand for Information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Because your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), to the extent possible, it should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. However, if you find it necessary to include such information, you should clearly indicate the specific information that you desire not to be placed in the PDR, and provide the legal basis to support your request for withholding the information from the public.

Dated at Arlington, Texas
this 24th day of December 1997