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December 2, 1997

Charles M. Dugger, Vice President Operations - Waterford 3 Entergy Operations, Inc. P.O. Box B Killona, Louisiana 70066

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-382/97-21 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Dugger.

An NRC inspection was conducted September 22-26 and October 6-10, 1997, at your Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3, reactor facility. Additional inspection was conducted October 14-20 in the NRC Region IV office. An exit meeting was conducted by telephone on October 20, 1997. The overall conclusions of this inspection were discussed with Mr. Wrape of your staff on December 2, 1997. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection.

The report discusses a violation involving the failure to follow procedures. The violation is of concern because the NRC considers procedural compliance to be an essential element for ensuring safety. This violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding the violation are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

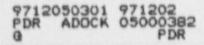
In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosure, and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that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

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

Sincerely. R. Aug.

Thomas F. Stetka, Acting Chief Engineering Branch Division of Reactor Safety

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Enclosures:

- 1. Notice of Violation
- NRC Inspection Report 50-382/97-21

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