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MEMORANDUM FOR: Leonard J. Callan, Regional Administrator  
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FROM: James Lieberman, Director  
Office of Enforcement

SUBJECT: OI REPORT 4-95-044; RE: WATERFORD 3

The above captioned OI report was initiated to investigate allegations that fire watch records were being falsified at the Entergy Operations, Inc. (EOI), Waterford 3 facility. On July 28, 1995, EOI contacted the RIV staff, after an individual had alleged to the licensee's corporate security organization that fire watch personnel had 1) signed for having checked an area of the plant for fire hazards, when in fact, the individual signing had not actually performed the check and 2) failed to check certain areas of the plant for fire hazards, but had "signed off" the area as having been checked. The licensee subsequently initiated an investigation and substantiated both allegations and terminated the fire watch personnel who were both relatively low-level employees. In addition to terminating these individuals, other corrective actions taken by EOI consisted of: 1) installing electronic devices throughout the plant to help validate all future fire watch room checks and 2) initiating training for fire watch personnel to reemphasize management's expectations and the acceptable manner to perform proper and accurate logkeeping. OI reviewed the licensee's investigation, in addition to performing independent interviews of selected licensee employees (including one of the individuals who was terminated), and also substantiated that the two fire watch employees had deliberately falsified fire watch records.

OI had initiated a separate investigation (OI Report 4-95-035 dated January 17, 1996) that reviewed these same specific issues of fire watch falsification; however, 4-95-035 was initiated as result of an individual contacting RIV directly with allegations of fire watch records being falsified and fire watches being improperly conducted at the Waterford 3 facility. OI closed 4-95-035 without independently substantiating the allegations because of the low priority of that investigation and because repeated attempts to contact the aleger by telephone and letter were unsuccessful, although OI did review the licensee's investigation. In a January 29, 1996 memo, OE did not request an OGC analysis of 4-95-035 and indicated that it would consider the matter of that OI investigation closed. OE's basis for not pursuing further action in 4-95-035, as stated in the January 29 memo, was that, in OE's view, 1) any action that might be warranted with regard to the licensee could be properly dispositioned during future regularly scheduled enforcement panels

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with RIV and 2) because of low level of the individuals involved in the falsifications and the licensee's substantial action in terminating these individuals, it did not appear that enforcement action against the individuals was warranted.

OE's position remains unchanged on this matter of fire watch record falsification, especially in light of the fact that the information that was developed in 4-95-044 is consistent with the facts in 4-95-035 and the log falsification discussed in 4-95-035 are the same as those found in 4-95-044. Consequently, OE does not see a basis to request an OGC analysis of 4-95-044. We will consider the matter closed, insofar as the OI investigation is concerned, unless we receive a different view within three weeks of the date of this memorandum. As we indicated in the January 29 memo, any enforcement action warranted against the licensee should be considered during future regularly scheduled enforcement panels with RIV. During the enforcement panel that will discuss this matter, OE intends to discuss with RIV any indications of previous fire watch or other plant record falsifications at Waterford 3. In addition, OE intends to generically discuss the manner that enforcement actions should be taken on future log falsifications. Please contact Mark Satorius of my staff at (301) 415-3280, with any comments.

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