

May 5, 1999

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SUBJECT: FUEL LOADING WITH CONTROL RODS REMOVED FROM DEFUELED CORE
CELLS - RIVER BEND STATION, UNIT 1 (TAC NO. M95224)

Dear Mr. Edington:

By letter dated April 18, 1996, Entergy Operations, Inc. (EOI) requested a license amendment for the River Bend Station that would permit an additional method of fuel movement and loading in the core when control rods are removed or withdrawn from defueled core cells. Additional information was provided in EOI's letter of June 4, 1996. The request was discussed during several telephone calls with EOI personnel and at a meeting held on December 16, 1998.

Upon further consideration, we have determined that insufficient information has been provided to permit the staff to complete its review. In addition, we have concluded that this issue is best addressed generically. Therefore, we will use the NEI Technical Specifications Task Force (TSTF) process to review TSTF-22 dated February 5, 1998, which proposed this issue as a generic change to NUREG-1433 and NUREG-1434, technical specifications for BWR-4 and BWR-6 plants, respectively.

This letter completes our activity under TAC number M95224.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Fretz, Project Manager, Section 1
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-458

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Upon further consideration, we have determined that insufficient information has been provided to permit the staff to complete its review. In addition, we have concluded that this issue is best addressed generically. Therefore, we will use the NEI Technical Specifications Task Force (TSTF) process to review TSTF-226 dated February 5, 1998, which proposed this issue as a generic change to NUREG-1433 and NUREG-1434, technical specifications for BWR-4 and BWR-6 plants, respectively.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Fretz", is written over a horizontal line.

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