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August 20, 1997

John R. McGaha, Vice President - Operations River Bend Station Entergy Operations, Inc. P.O. Box 220 St. Francisville, Louisiana 70775

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-458/97-301

Dear Mr. McGaha:

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On July 28 through August 1, 1997, an NRC Initial Examination for licensed operators was administered to five employees of your company who had applied for licenses to operate the River Bend Station. The examination evaluated two applicants for senior reactor operator licenses and three applicants for reactor operator licenses. We determined that the five applicants satisfied the requirements and the appropriate licenses were issued.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a uppy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

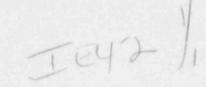
Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

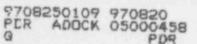
Sincerely

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