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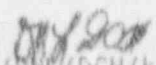
Gentlemen:

River Bend Station - Unit 1
Docket No. 50-458

Please find attached a summary report of the "Notification of Unusual Event" (NOUE) which occurred at River Bend Station on March 5, 1992. The NOUE was declared based on Emergency Action Level (EAL) initiating condition 15.6, "Other hazards being experienced or projected which have the potential for endangering the plant". This summary report is submitted pursuant to Appendix 1 of NUREG-0654, Revision 1 and EAL Table 13.3-1 of the River Bend Station Emergency Plan. If you have any questions concerning this summary report, please contact Mr. L. A. England at (504) 381-4145.

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RIVER BEND STATION
NOTIFICATION OF UNUSUAL EVENT

On March 5, 1992 at approximately 0203 with the reactor at 100 percent power (Operational Condition 1), high winds damaged the turbine building. The high winds were possibly due to a tornado. Turbine building panels were blown off and struck the south main power transformer damaging the disconnect and some insulators. This resulted in a generator trip and reactor scram. Insulation from inside the turbine building was blown outside. Samples of the insulation indicated very low levels of radioactivity. GSU limited plant access to essential personnel as a precautionary measure and performed sitewide surveys to determine the extent of possible contamination.

At 0350, a Notification of Unusual Event (NOUE) was declared per Emergency Implementing Procedure EIP-2-001, Emergency Action Level 15.6, "Other hazards being experienced or projected which have the potential for endangering the plant". The NOUE was subsequently terminated at 0423.

Notifications to the State of Louisiana and the State of Mississippi, the five local governments within the 10 mile Emergency Planning Zone and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Incident Response Center began at 0405. Notification to the state and local governments and NRC of the termination began at 0423. Details of the plant transient will be provided in the Licensee Event Report to be submitted as required by 10CFR50.73.