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Clarification Letter for License Amendment Request (LAR) 95-21

References: 1. RBG-42084, "License Amendment Request (LAR) 95-21, Change to Technical Specifications 3.6.1.1 through 3.6.1.3, 'Containment Systems,' " dated October 24, 1995.

2. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Letter to Dr. David J. Modeen, Director of Operations and Management for the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), from Christopher I. Grimes, NRC, dated November 2, 1995.

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Gentlemen:

As discussed in a conference call with the NRC staff on November 14, 1995, Entergy Operations, Inc. (EOI), is providing clarification in regard to information contained within reference 1. By submittal of reference 1, EOI requested that changes be made to the Facility Operating License No. NPF-47, Appendix A - Technical Specifications, for River Bend Station (RBS) in accordance with the rulemaking in regard to 10 CFR 50, Appendix J, Option B. Reference 1 also notified the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) of EOI's intent to implement a performance-based containment leak rate testing program at RBS in accordance with 10 CFR 50, Appendix J, Option B.

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Via reference 2, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued a set of model technical specifications for use by licensees in preparing amendment requests to implement 10 CFR 50, Appendix J, Option B. Since the RBS License Amendment request for implementation of 10 CFR 50, Appendix J, Option B (reference 1) was submitted prior to the issuance of the model technical specifications, some minor differences existed between the RBS submittal and the generic implementing technical specifications. To the maximum extent possible, EOI desires that the RBS Technical Specifications to implement 10 CFR 50, Appendix J, Option B, match the generic implementing technical specifications. Attachment 1 to this letter includes clarifications to RBS' proposed Technical Specification changes. These clarifications are designed to match the generic implementing technical specifications as nearly as possible. The changes made are administrative in nature and are in conformance with the model technical specifications contained in reference 2. In addition, the changes contained in Attachment 1 are bounded by the No Significant Hazards Considerations submitted in reference 1.

In addition, our original submittal for implementation of the Option B to Appendix J states, "Additionally, any exceptions to Regulatory Guide 1.163, "Performance-Based Containment Leak-Test Program," or NEI 94-01, Revision 0, "Industry Guideline for Implementing Performance-Based Option of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J," will be proposed by written letter to the office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) pursuant to the requirements in 10 CFR 50.4. These exceptions will not be processed in accordance with the regulatory requirements contained within 10 CFR 50.90 and 10 CFR 50.91. Exceptions to ANSI/ANS 56.8-1994 will be administered under the RBS 10 CFR 50.59 process." RBS now understands that any exceptions should be listed in the Technical Specifications under the description of the Primary Containment Leakage Rate Testing Program (Section 5.5.13 of the RBS Technical Specifications). RBS will therefore seek approval of any desired exceptions in accordance with 10 CFR 50.90. These exceptions will be listed in the RBS Technical Specifications.

Based upon our review, the only substantive remaining difference between the RBS proposed Technical Specifications and the generic implementing technical specifications is that the acceptance criteria for air lock leakage testing contained in Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.6.1.2.1 was not moved to the Primary Containment Leakage Rate Testing Program (Section 5.5.13 of the RBS Technical Specifications). This change was not made because of the unique differences that exist between the RBS air lock SR and the NUREG-1434, "Improved Technical Specifications, Revision 0," related SR.

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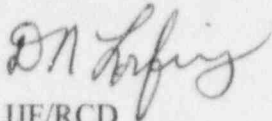
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This request has been discussed with the NRR project manager for RBS. If you have any questions regarding this clarification letter or require additional information, please contact Mr. R. C. Daley at (504) 381-3771.

Sincerely,



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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**UPDATED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION CHANGES  
FOR LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST (LAR) 94-21**