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Subject: River Bend Station - Unit 1
Docket No. 50-458
License No. NPF-47
Request for Additional Information Pertaining to License Amendment
Request (LAR) 95-04, Changes to Technical Specifications
Concerning Fuel Handling Accident Conditions

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- Reference: 1. RBG-41728, License Amendment Request (LAR) 95-04, Change to
Technical Specifications Concerning Fuel Handling Accident
Conditions, dated August 17, 1995
2. RBG-42284, Request for Additional Information Pertaining to
License Amendment Request (LAR) 95-04, Changes to Technical
Specifications Concerning Fuel Handling Accident Conditions,
dated December 18, 1995

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Gentlemen:

In a letter to the NRC (Reference 1), Entergy Operations, Inc. (EOI) submitted
License Amendment Request (LAR) 95-04. This LAR proposed certain changes to
the River Bend Station (RBS) Technical Specifications (TS) concerning Fuel
Handling Accident conditions.

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In a follow-up letter to the NRC (Reference 2), EOI committed to implement certain restraints for opening the primary containment air lock doors during CORE ALTERATIONS. The restraints were to be incorporated into the BASES section of Technical Specification 3.6.1.2, "Primary Containment Air Locks."

In a recent telephone call, EOI discussed with the NRC the proposed restraints documented in Reference 2. Based on that call, EOI requests an Operating License Condition to reflect the proposed restraints, as follows:

"Primary containment air lock doors may be open during CORE ALTERATIONS, except when moving recently irradiated fuel (as defined in the BASES for TS 3.6.1.2) , provided the following conditions exist:

- 1) One door in each air lock is capable of being closed
- 2) Hoses and cables running through the air lock employ a means to allow safe, quick disconnect and are tagged at both ends with specific instructions to expedite removal
- 3) There is a minimum of 23 feet of water over the core
- 4) The air lock doors are not blocked open to allow expeditious closure
- 5) A designated individual is available to expeditiously close the air lock doors
- 6) Systems are available to filter and monitor releases from the containment"

Provided below is a discussion of our interpretation of the proposed Operating License Condition items presented item-by-item.

- 1) One door in each air lock is capable of being closed

Closure of the air lock door is to be consistent with the requirements of TS 3.6.1.2, which also requires an air lock door to be closed under certain conditions.

- 2) Hoses and cables running through the air lock employ a means to allow safe, quick disconnect and are tagged at both ends with specific instructions to expedite removal

No interpretation/clarification is required for this item.

- 3) There is a minimum of 23 feet of water over the core

No interpretation/clarification is required for this item.

- 4) The air lock doors are not blocked open to allow expeditious closure

Routing hoses and cables through the air lock, per #2 above, is not considered blocking the door. Also, the air lock doors may be held open with devices such as chocks, lumber, etc. which do not impact the ability to expeditiously close the door.

- 5) A designated individual is available to expeditiously close the air lock doors

The designated individual understands his responsibilities and is capable of performing this specific task when required.

- 6) Systems are available to filter and monitor releases from the containment

No interpretation/clarification is required for this item.

This request clarifies the intent of our original submittal (Reference 1) regarding the changes to TS 3.6.1.2 and, as documented in Reference 2, reflects current plant practices. This proposed Operating License Condition does not impact the original No Significant Hazards Consideration provided in Reference 1.

Also, this proposed Operating License Condition supersedes the previous commitment to change the BASES section of TS 3.6.1.2 as documented in Reference 2.

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If you have any further questions on this subject, please contact Mr. Guy Davant of my staff.

Sincerely,

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