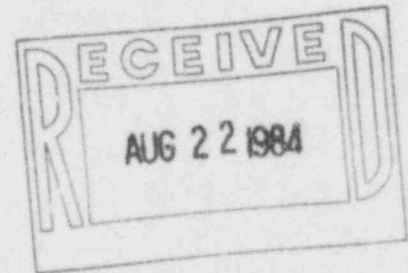




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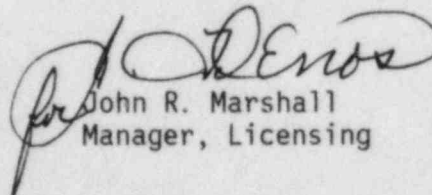
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SUBJECT: Arkansas Nuclear One - Units 1 & 2
Docket Nos. 50-313 and 50-368
License Nos. DPR-51 and NPF-6
NPDES Noncompliance Report

Gentlemen:

Attached are two copies of a NPDES Noncompliance Report. This report is being submitted in accordance with NPDES Permit Number AR0001392, Part II, Section D-6.

Very truly yours,


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Attachments

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Energy Supply - Nuclear Operations

REFERENCE: Arkansas Nuclear One Steam Electric Station
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Dear Mr. Whittington:

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MEMBER MIDDLE SOUTH UTILITIES SYSTEM

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We plan to conduct an overall systematic evaluation of this treatment facility to determine if additional surveillance or alarms are needed. We remain committed to the operation of this facility in compliance with our discharge permit.

Yours very truly,


John M. Griffin

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