



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV  
611 RYAN PLAZA DRIVE, SUITE 400  
ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76011-8064

**FEB 24 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 50-458/97-04

Dear Mr. McGaha:

An NRC inspection was conducted January 6-10 and 20-24, 1997, at your River Bend Station reactor facility. Following the exit meeting, the final results of this inspection were discussed with you and your staff on February 21, 1997. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection.

Based on this inspection, we have determined that your corrective action program is functioning satisfactorily. Further, there were indications of improvement as exemplified by improving operating performance trends and by recent work products showing enhanced scope, judgement, documentation, and depth of analysis. Although the inspection identifies some weaknesses, we were encouraged that most of these problems had already been identified by your staff.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy 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,

Kenneth E. Brockman, Acting Director  
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket No.: 50-458  
License No.: NPF-47

Enclosure:  
NRC Inspection Report  
50-458/97-04

cc w/enclosure:

Executive Vice President and  
Chief Operating Officer  
Entergy Operations, Inc.  
P.O. Box 31995  
Jackson, Mississippi 39286-1995

Vice President  
Operations Support  
Entergy Operations, Inc.  
P.O. Box 31995  
Jackson, Mississippi 39286-1995

General Manager  
Plant Operations  
River Bend Station  
Entergy Operations, Inc.  
P.O. Box 220  
St. Francisville, Louisiana 70775

Director - Nuclear Safety  
River Bend Station  
Entergy Operations, Inc.  
P.O. Box 220  
St. Francisville, Louisiana 70775

Wise, Carter, Child & Caraway  
P.O. Box 651  
Jackson, Mississippi 39205

Mark J. Wetterhahn, Esq.  
Winston & Strawn  
1401 L Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005-3502

Manager - Licensing  
River Bend Station  
Entergy Operations, Inc.  
P.O. Box 220  
St. Francisville, Louisiana 70775

The Honorable Richard P. Ieyou  
Attorney General  
P.O. Box 94095  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9095

H. Anne Plettinger  
3456 Villa Rose Drive  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806

President of West Feliciana  
Police Jury  
P.O. Box 1921  
St. Francisville, Louisiana 70775

Larry G. Johnson, Director  
Systems Engineering  
Cajun Electric Power Coop. Inc.  
10719 Airline Highway  
P.O. Box 15540  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70895

William H. Spell, Administrator  
Louisiana Radiation Protection Division  
P.O. Box 82135  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70884-2135

E-Mail report to T. Boyce (THB)  
 E-Mail report to NRR Event Tracking System (IPAS)  
 E-Mail report to Document Control Desk (DOCDESK)

bcc to DMB (IE01)

bcc distrib. by RIV:

L. J. Callan

DRP Director

Branch Chief (DRP/D)

Project Engineer (DRP/D)

Branch Chief (DRP/TSS)

Resident Inspector

Senior Resident Inspector (Grand Gulf)

DRS-PSB

MIS System

RIV File

Leah Tremper (OC/LFDCB, MS: TWFN 9E10)

DOCUMENT NAME: R:\\_RB\RB704RP.MFR

To receive copy of document, indicate in box: "C" = Copy without enclosures "E" = Copy with enclosures "N" = No copy

RI:EB	E	RI:EB	E	RI:EB	E	C:EB	E	AD:DRP	N
MFRunyan*		PGolubberg*		CJohnson*		CAVanDenburgh*		ATHowell*	
02/18/97		02/18/97		02/19/97		02/20/97		02/ /97	
DD:DRS	N								
KEBrockman									
02/19/97									

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY

270006



E-Mail report to T. Boyce (THB)  
 E-Mail report to NRR Event Tracking System (IPAS)  
 E-Mail report to Document Control Desk (DOCDESK)

bcc to DMB (IE01)

bcc distrib. by RIV:

L. J. Callan

DRP Director

Branch Chief (DRP/D)

Project Engineer (DRP/D)

Branch Chief (DRP/TSS)

Resident Inspector

Senior Resident Inspector (Grand Gulf)

DRS-PSB

MIS System

RIV File

Leah Tremper (OC/LFDCB, MS: TWFN 9E10)

DOCUMENT NAME: R:\\_RB\RB704RP.MFR

To receive copy of document, indicate in box: "C" = Copy without enclosures "E" = Copy with enclosures "N" = No copy

RI:EB	E	RI:EB	E	RI:EB	E	C:EB	E	AD:DRP	N
MFRunyan*		PGoldberg*		CJohnson*		CAVanDenburgh*		ATHowell*	
02/18/97		02/18/97		02/19/97		02/20/97		02/ /97	
DD:DRS	N								
KEBrockman									
02/18/97									

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY