



RIVER BEND STATION PRE-SUBMITTAL MEETING

**Request for One-Time Exemption from
10 CFR 50, Appendix E Biennial Emergency
Preparedness Evaluated Offsite Exercise
Requirements due to COVID-19 Pandemic**

September 22, 2020

Introductions

- Tim Gates – RBS Emergency Planning Manager
- Will White – RBS Emergency Planning
- Dennis Pereira – RBS Regulatory Assurance
- Howard Mahan – Entergy Corporate Licensing
- Ron Gaston – Entergy Director Regulatory Compliance

Background

10 CFR 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F.2.c states, “Offsite plans for each site shall be exercised biennially with full participation by each offsite authority having a role under the radiological response plan. Where the offsite authority has a role under a radiological response plan for more than one site, it shall fully participate in one exercise every two years and shall, at least, partially participate in other offsite plan exercises in this period.”

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic several government agencies have requested the postponement of the 2020 Biennial Graded Exercise of River Bend Station

Background

The following agencies are working with RBS:

- East Baton Rouge Parish Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
- West Baton Rouge Parish Office of Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness
- West Feliciana Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
- East Feliciana Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
- Pointe Coupee Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
- Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
- Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

Background

- The offsite biennial emergency preparedness exercise is currently scheduled for December 1, 2020
- Entergy will be requesting approval of this exemption request by November 20, 2020 to avoid 10 CFR 50, Appendix E, non-compliance.

Reference Documents

- Regulatory Issue Summary 2006-03, "Guidance on Requesting an Exemption from Biennial Emergency Preparedness Exercise Requirement," dated February 25, 2006 (ML053390039)
- NRC Letter, "Planned Actions Related to Emergency Preparedness Biennial Exercise Requirements for All Licensees During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Public Health Emergency," (ML20120A003), dated May 14, 2020
- NRC Letter, "Addendum to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Planned Actions Related to Emergency Preparedness Biennial Exercise Requirements for Power Reactor Licensees During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Public Health Emergency," (ML20223A152), dated September 2, 2020
- Temporary Staff Guidance TSG-NSIR-2020-01, "COVID-19 Related Exemptions From NRC Regulations – Emergency Preparedness Exercises," dated September 11, 2020 (ML20196M030)

Reference Documents

- No deviations from the available guidance will be required
- A review of the checklist in TSG-NSIR-2020-01 was performed and all items will be addressed in the submittal

Other Similar Submittals

Arkansas Nuclear One

Entergy Letter to NRC, "Request for One-Time Exemption from 10 CFR 50, Appendix E Biennial Emergency Preparedness Evaluated Exercise Requirements due to COVID-19 Pandemic," (ML20195A397), dated July 13, 2020

Perry Nuclear Power Plant

Energy Harbor Letter to NRC, "Request for One-Time Exemption from 10 CFR 50, Appendix E, Biennial Emergency Preparedness Exercise Requirements Due to COVID-19 Pandemic," (ML20216A258), dated August 3, 2020



QUESTIONS?
