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Randal K. Edington, Vice President - Operations
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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF INVESTIGATION (OI 4-1999-021)

Dear Mr. Edington:

This letter is in reference to an investigation conducted by the NRC Office of Investigations (OI) regarding activities at River Bend Station. The OI investigation was conducted to determine whether a contract worker was the subject of employment discrimination by management for reporting safety concerns to the NRC.

Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, testimony, and document reviews, the allegation was not substantiated. The NRC plans no further action regarding this investigation and considers this case closed. Enclosed for your reference and information is a copy of the synopsis from OI 4-1999-021.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

Ken E. Brockman, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosure: As stated

Docket: 50-458
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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated on May 4, 1999, by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI), Region IV (RIV), to determine if a Stone and Webster Corporation (SWC) insulation contractor, employed at Entergy Operations Inc.'s River Bend Station (RBS), was the subject of employment discrimination by management for reporting safety concerns to the NRC.

Based on the evidence developed, testimony, documents, and a review by the technical staff and the regional counsel, the allegation that the insulation contractor was the subject of employment discrimination by management for reporting safety concerns to the NRC was not substantiated.

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Case No. 4-1999-021

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