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Attention: Document Control Desk

Subject: Grand Gulf Nuclear Station
Unit 1
Docket No. 50-416
License No. NPF-29
Reply to Special Inspection Report
Report No. 50-416/99-19, Dated January 7, 2000
(GNRI-2000/00001)

GNRO-2000/00002

Gentlemen:

Entergy Operations, Inc. (EOI) appreciates this opportunity to respond to the apparent violations described in NRC Inspection Report 50-416/99-19 as requested in NRC's letter dated January 7, 2000. The inspection report requested that Grand Gulf Nuclear Station respond within 7 days on the need to hold a predecisional enforcement conference with the NRC. We believe the extensive discussions held with the Sr. Resident appropriately captured the circumstances, significance and the need for lasting corrective actions and we further believe that both the NRC and our station personnel have a complete understanding of causes and corrective actions. Based on our understanding that our corrective actions are adequate and only require docketing, no significant value would be added to the process by holding a predecisional enforcement conference. As requested in the letter we contacted Mr. Joseph I. Tapia on 1/11/00 and informed him of our decision.

As requested we will respond on the docket with our corrective actions within 30 days of the letter. We recognize and appreciate your characterization of our status with respect to escalated enforcement and applicability of civil penalties related to the enforcement policy.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William A. Eaton".

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