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**Cc:** Lent, Susan; Burkhardt, Janet  
**Subject:** Acceptance of River Bend Station License Amendment Request Regarding TSTF-514 (ME6048)

Dave and Barry,

By letter dated April 11, 2011 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML11105A030), Entergy Operations, Inc. (Entergy, the licensee) requested an amendment to the Facility Operating License for the River Bend Station, Unit 1 (RBS). The proposed license amendment request (LAR) would revise the TS to define a new time limit for restoring inoperable Reactor Coolant System (RCS) leakage detection instrumentation to operable status; establish alternate methods of monitoring RCS leakage when one or more required monitors are inoperable; make a minor editorial change to correct a formatting issue to be consistent with the writer's guide and the BWR6 TS format and does not affect the intent of the TSTF or the NRC SE; and make TS Bases changes which reflect the proposed changes and more accurately reflect the contents of the facility design basis related to operability of the RCS leakage detection instrumentation. These changes are consistent with NRC-approved Revision 3 to TSTF Improved Standard Technical Specification (STS) Change Traveler TSTF-514, "Revise BWR Operability Requirements and Actions for RCS Leakage Instrumentation."

The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this amendment request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Consistent with Section 50.90 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), an amendment to the license (including the technical specifications) must fully describe the changes requested, and following as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 50.34 of 10 CFR addresses the content of technical information required. This section stipulates that the submittal address the design and operating characteristics, unusual or novel design features, and principal safety considerations.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the staff to proceed with its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. If additional information is needed for the staff to complete its technical review, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1445.

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