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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ATTN: Document Control Desk
Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject: Waterford 3 SES
Docket No. 50-382
License No. NPF-38
30 Day Response to Generic Letter 97-01

Gentlemen:

Generic Letter 97-01, "Degradation of Control Rod Drive Mechanism Nozzle and Other Vessel Closure Head Penetrations" dated April 1, 1997, requested PWR licensees to provide 30 and 120 day responses. The NRC requested for the 30 day response that licensees indicate whether or not the requested information will be submitted and whether or not the information will be submitted within the requested time period. The purpose of this letter is to provide the 30 day response.

Waterford 3 has been participating in CEOG and other industry group activities to address reactor vessel head nozzle cracking issues. Waterford 3 is continuing this participation in order to assemble and analyze the relevant information. Waterford 3, in conjunction with these group initiatives, will provide the 120 day response to the information requested in Generic Letter 97-01 by July 30, 1997. Any areas of the requested information that cannot be provided will be discussed in the 120 day response.

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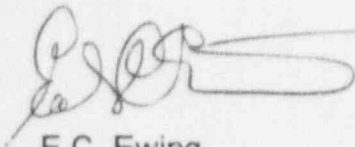
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If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Tim Gaudet at (504) 739-6666 or Roy Prados at (504) 739-6632.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "E.C. Ewing", written over a horizontal line.

E.C. Ewing
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cc: E.W. Merschoff, NRC Region IV
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the matter of)
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Entergy Operations, Incorporated) Docket No. 50-382
Waterford 3 Steam Electric Station)


AFFIDAVIT

Early Cunningham Ewing, being duly sworn, hereby deposes and says that he is Director Nuclear Safety - Waterford 3 of Entergy Operations, Incorporated; that he is duly authorized to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission the attached 30 Day Response to Generic Letter 97-01; that he is familiar with the content thereof; and that the matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.


Early Cunningham Ewing
Director Nuclear Safety - Waterford 3

STATE OF LOUISIANA)
) ss
PARISH OF ST. CHARLES)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the Parish and State above named this 30th day of April, 1997.


Notary Public

My Commission expires at death.