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NRC TO HOLD REGULATORY CONFERENCE WITH ENTERGY OPERATIONS, INC.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a regulatory conference with officials of Entergy Operations, Inc., operator of River Bend Nuclear Station, a nuclear power plant near St. Francisville, La., on Monday, June 3. Conferees will discuss a potential “yellow” inspection finding involving River Bend’s emergency preparedness plan.

The meeting, which is open to public observation, will begin at 1 p.m. in NRC Region IV offices in Arlington, Texas. The public will have the opportunity to ask questions of the NRC staff before the meeting is adjourned.

The NRC will discuss with Entergy an inspection finding with a preliminary determination of “yellow,” meaning it may have substantial safety significance. The finding was identified in an inspection completed on March 20 and involves the apparent failure to develop a range of protective actions, provide emergency response information and update the emergency plan for members of the public who routinely use facilities located inside the River Bend owner controlled area. This oversight could have prevented these people from being notified promptly, included in protective actions or provided with radiological monitoring in the event of a plant accident releasing radioactive material. The inspection finding also may be a violation of NRC safety requirements.

The NRC evaluates regulatory performance at commercial nuclear power plants with a color coded significance determination process which classifies regulatory findings as being in one of four color categories: green, white, yellow, or red in increasing order of regulatory safety significance.

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