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### **NRC BEGINS SPECIAL INSPECTION AT RIVER BEND NUCLEAR PLANT**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced today it is conducting a special inspection at the River Bend Nuclear Station to review the circumstances surrounding a problem with an emergency diesel generator. River Bend, operated by Entergy Operations Inc., is located 24 miles northwest of Baton Rouge.

On Dec. 2, 2012, during testing of one of the emergency diesel generators, plant operators identified a leak from a pipe that provides cooling water to the engine. Operators shut down the diesel generator. Emergency diesel generators are the main back-up power source to the plant's safety systems if there is a loss of offsite power. The issue is a safety concern that warrants additional NRC attention. The other on-site generator remains functional.

"The purpose of this special inspection is to better understand the cause of the leak and review the licensee's corrective actions to ensure that the diesel generator will perform as intended," said Region IV Administrator Elmo E. Collins.

The NRC inspectors will review the licensee's response to previous leaks involving emergency diesel generator piping, evaluate the licensee's cause analyses, and review the corrective actions taken to address the problems. The inspection report documenting their findings will be publicly available within 45 days of the end of the inspection.

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