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NRC PREPARING FOR APPROACH OF TROPICAL STORM ISAAC

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has dispatched additional personnel to two nuclear plants in Louisiana in response to the expected landfall of Tropical Storm Isaac.

The Waterford plant is about 20 miles west of New Orleans and the River Bend plant is about 25 miles northwest of Baton Rouge, La. Both plants are owned by Entergy Nuclear.

NRC Monday dispatched four inspectors from Regions II and IV to assist the resident inspectors at both sites. The NRC staff will remain at the plant during the coming days to monitor the licensee's activities and ensure safe plant operations.

The inspectors arrived on Monday and observed plant personnel in the process of implementing severe weather procedures and conducting plant walk-downs to ensure that all loose debris and equipment was removed or secured. Plant personnel tested the emergency diesel generators and filled fuel and water tanks at the sites.

The Region IV office continues to monitor the storm's progress and will staff the Incident Response Center overnight as latest projections show Isaac is expected to make landfall in the early morning hours on Wednesday.

For more information on NRC's response during a hurricane, see the recently produced YouTube video at www.youtube.com entitled, "NRC Hurricane Preparedness - Are YOU Ready?"

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