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**Energy Facilities Siting and
 Environmental Protection
 Division**

FILE:

PROJECT TITLE: **Blythe Power Plant**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephone	316-946-2416	<input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Location:	
NAME: Eric Nordberg	DATE: 8/2/04	TIME: 9 AM	
WITH:			
SUBJECT: Blythe turbulence			

COMMENTS:

I talked to Mr. Nordberg about his experience with turbulence from the Blythe power plant cooling towers. He and a co-pilot were flying a Lear jet (1800 lb. airplane) on an Instrument Landing System approach to Blythe airport's Runway 26 early (6:30 – 7) morning on May 4, 2004. They did not see any plumes and were about 550 feet above ground level with an airspeed of 124 knots (142 mph) when they passed over the plant. The wind was calm with good visibility. They experienced moderate to severe turbulence which caused the plane to veer from side to side with considerable shaking. They were surprised but able to regain control of the plane. It was not an emergency situation but it was an uncomfortable experience.

I advised him that we had reports from several other pilots who have experienced the same thing and we were investigating the situation. I faxed him Terry O' Brien's letter of April 5, 2004 and asked him to review the mitigation discussed within. He said he would check his flight charts for that May 4th flight and send me an e-mail with any other pertinent information or suggestions.

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