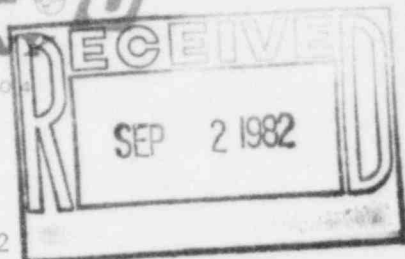


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Mr. John T. Collins, Regional Administrator  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region IV, Office of Inspection and Enforcement  
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000  
Arlington, Texas 76011

Dear Mr. Collins:

River Bend Station Unit 1  
Docket No. 50-458  
Interim Report/DR-66

On August 9, 1982, Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU) telephoned the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Region IV Office of a condition potentially reportable under 10CFR50.55(e) concerning linear indications found in the residual heat removal (RHR) system heat exchanger supports supplied by Teledyne Brown (DR-66). The indications were discovered during magnetic testing (MT) of welds joining thread plates to embedments for the supports. All indications were in the edge of the thread plate. Liquid Penetration tests have been conducted to confirm the results of the MT. GSU has not completed its investigation at this time. An interim or final status report will be provided by October 20, 1982.

Sincerely,

J. E. Booker  
Manager-Engineering & Licensing  
River Bend Nuclear Group

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