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Director Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Washington, D.C. 20555

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River Bend Station - Unit 1
Docket No. 50-458

Gentlemen:

On January 17, 1990, Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU) reported to the NRC Operations Center by the emergency notification system a possible problem associated with a DHHS certified laboratory under contract with GSU to perform drug screen testing pursuant to 10CFR Part 26, "Fitness for Duty Program". The report related to a possible false negative test result.

GSU has not yet completed its review of this and related matters. GSU's investigation of this matter has been comprehensive, including the use of outside expert assistance in the review of the drug test. GSU will inform the NRC of the results of its investigation within 30 days of its completion.

Sincerely,

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