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

Dear Mr. Collins:

River Bend Station Unit 1
Docket No. 50-458

On February 16, 1982, Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU) notified your office of a deficiency potentially reportable under 10CFR50.55(e). The subject of concern was eleven pipe supports installed inside the drywell that were painted with paint not qualified for use in that environment. A 30-day status report was submitted on March 18, 1982, which committed to provide additional information by April 19, 1982. This letter fulfills that commitment.

GSU has completed its investigation and has concluded that the deficiency had it gone uncorrected would not have affected the safe operations of the plant. Therefore, this deficiency does not meet the reporting criteria set forth in 10CFR50.55(e).

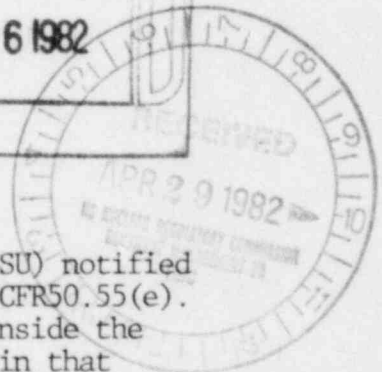
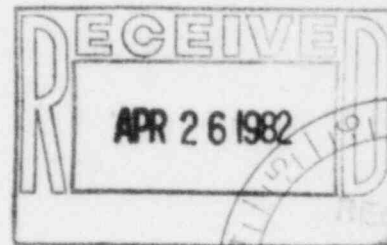
N&D No. 2144 has been issued to correct the deficiency. This concludes GSU's response concerning this subject.

Sincerely,

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River Bend Nuclear Group

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