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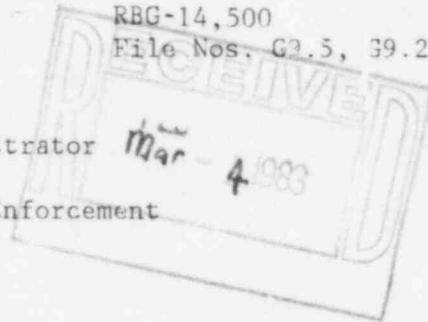
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Mr. John T. Collins, Regional Administrator  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region IV, Office of Inspection and Enforcement  
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000  
Arlington, Texas 76011

Dear Mr. Collins:

River Bend Station Unit 1  
Docket No. 50-458  
Interim Report/DR-85

On December 8, 1982, Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU) notified the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Region IV Office of a condition potentially reportable under 10CFR50.55(e) concerning incorrect taper at welds between the outside diameter (O.D.) of heavy wall pipe fittings and the O.D. of standard wall pipe on the 30 inch Service Water Piping System (DR-85). GSU has not completed its investigation. GSU is awaiting further evaluation by our architect-engineer, Stone & Webster. An interim or final status report will be provided by May 16, 1983.

Sincerely,

*William J. Lee J.*

*for* J. E. Booker  
Manager-Engineering,  
Nuclear Fuels & Licensing  
River Bend Nuclear Group

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cc: Director of Inspection & Enforcement  
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