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Mr. Karl V. Seyfrit, Director
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV, Office of Inspection & Enforcement
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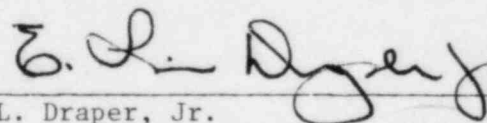
Dear Mr. Seyfrit:

River Bend Station Unit 1
Docket No. 50-458

Gulf States Utilities Company (G.S.U.) notified your office on April 21, 1981, of a potential 10CFR50.55(e) event with regard to a Manitowac 4600 W crane that tipped forward, causing the extended boom to strike a portion of the number one stand-by cooling tower basin which is under construction. A preliminary investigation was performed by our Architect/Engineer to determine the extent of damage to the tower basin. An engineering Nonconformance and Disposition (N&D 1213) was issued that indicated the damage was isolated to the reinforcing steel and no damage to the concrete walls was found. Rework will be initiated to repair the damaged area.

Since the damage incurred was minimal and did not result in extensive repairs, it has been determined that the incident does not meet the conditions of 10CFR50.55(e)(1)(iii) and therefore, does not meet the reporting requirements of 10CFR50.55(e).

Sincerely,



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