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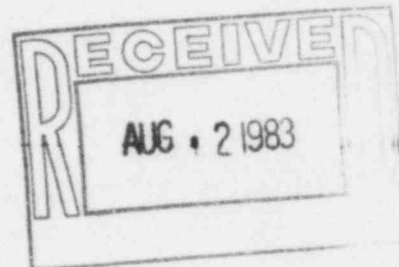
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Mr. John T. Collins, Regional Administrator
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV, Office of Inspection and Enforcement
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Dear Mr. Collins:

River Bend Station Unit 1
Docket No. 50-458
Final Report/DR-73

On September 2, 1982, Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU) notified Region IV of a condition potentially reportable under 10CFR50.55(e) concerning improperly installed spring nuts in the General Electric Company supplied Power Generation Control Complex (PGCC) termination cabinets for River Bend Station (DR-73). GSU subsequently issued Interim Reports dated October 5, 1982; January 24, 1983; March 21, 1983; and May 24, 1983.

A series of tests performed by General Electric demonstrated that these spring nuts would perform their intended function. To correct the problem, the spring nuts were inspected and, when necessary, adjusted to proper position and tightened. GSU concludes that had this condition remained uncorrected, it could not have adversely affected the safe operations of the plant and is, therefore, not reportable under 10CFR50.55(e). This completes GSU's response on this subject.

Sincerely,

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The Internal Audit Checklist for our Q.A. Engineering activity has been revised so as to add a requirement to verify that Procurement documents for Qualification Tests state that the provisions of 10CFR21 apply. This action has been completed.

NON-CONFORMANCE A (Failure to establish documented procedures to describe how deviations from approved test procedures are documented and controlled.

This concern will be addressed in new procedure "EPP-31 Qualification Testing".

NON-CONFORMANCE B (Replies to corrective action requests not made within the required time frame).

Effective August 1, 1983 D. G. O'Brien auditing personnel will require responses to corrective action reports within the time frame required by the Manual.

If a valid reason exists for a delayed response, the D.G.O. auditor will document his justification for accepting the delay.

NON-CONFORMANCE C (Procured safety-related testing services from test laboratories without specifying the required quality assurance requirements).

This concern will be addressed in new procedure "EPP-31 Qualification Testing".

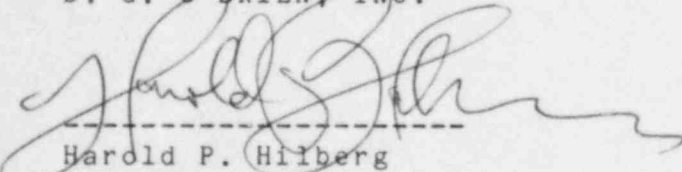
NON-CONFORMANCE D (Issued purchase orders for safety-related testing services to firms that were not listed on the qualified vendor list).

This concern will be addressed in new procedure "EPP-31 Qualification Testing".

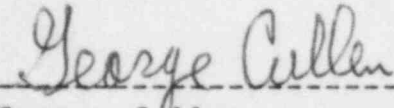
NON-CONFORMANCE E (No documented evidence that training for all applicable areas of the Q.A.M. had been given engineering department employees during the required 6 month period).

Retraining (refresher) of all individuals listed on the Engineering Training Matrix was initiated June 16, 1983. All individuals will have completed all required training by August 22, 1983.

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