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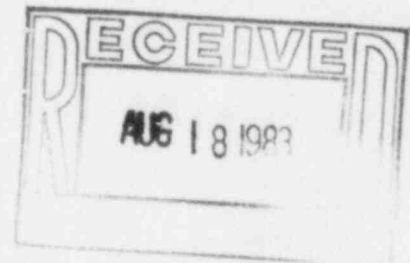
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File Nos. G9.5, G9.25.1.1

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  
Final Report/DR-106



On April 4, 1983, Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU) notified Region IV of a condition potentially reportable under 10CFR50.55(e) concerning the subsuppliers' (Regal) documentation for Class 1, A-500, Grade B tube steel (DR-106). GSU subsequently issued Interim Reports dated May 4, 1983 and July 7, 1983.

This condition addresses the fact that our architect-engineer had procured, received, and accepted A-500 tube steel from a subvendor (Regal) which is not qualified in accordance with ASME III nor qualified as a material supplier/manufacturer by our architect-engineer for ASME III, Class 1 application.

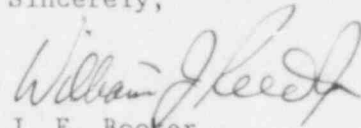
Since Regal was approved (July 10, 1980) by our architect-engineer to ASME III NF-2610(b) requirements for Class 2 and 3 applications, the material furnished by Regal for Class 1 application was approved for use in Class 2 and 3 applications. Because the material was accepted for use in Class 2 and 3 applications and because there is no difference in the analysis or stress allowables for Class 1 tube steels and Class 2 and 3 tube steels for nonintegral supports, there is no impact on the strength of the material in sustaining the loads as designed.

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If the above conditions had gone uncorrected, they would not have adversely affected the safe operation of the plant, since there was no effect on the intended load-carrying ability of the tube steel material. Therefore, GSU concludes that this condition is not reportable to the NRC under 10CFR50.55(e).

Sincerely,

  
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