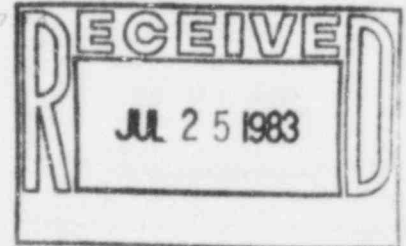




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Mr. John T. Collins, Regional Administrator  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region IV, Office of Inspection and Enforcement  
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000  
Arlington, Texas 76011

Dear Mr. Collins:

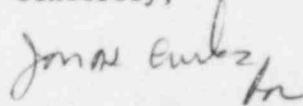
River Bend Station Unit 1  
Docket No. 50-458  
Final Report/DR-113

On April 19, 1983, Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU) notified Region IV of a condition potentially reportable under 10CFR50.55(e) concerning an apparent misapplication of in-line cable splices on electrical connections for the hydrogen igniter assemblies that are not in full accordance with the heat shrink tubing Manufacturer's (Raychem) Application Guide (DR-113). The heat shrink tubing used did not meet the minimum length requirement and the bolt used exceeded the maximum length specified by the Raychem Application Guide. GSU subsequently issued Interim Reports dated May 19, 1983 and June 29, 1983.

The hydrogen igniter splices in question were reviewed and it was determined that the in-line splices used meet the application criteria specified by the vendor for that location. 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 concludes GSU's response on this subject.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. E. Booker", with a stylized flourish at the end.

J. E. Booker  
Manager-Engineering,  
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River Bend Nuclear Group

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cc: Director of Inspection & Enforcement  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

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