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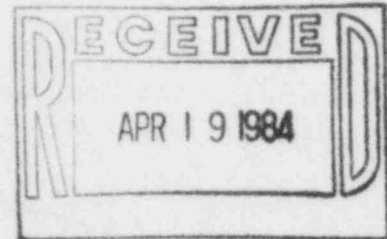
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Mr. John T. Collins, Regional Administrator  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region IV, Office of Inspection and Enforcement  
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000  
Arlington, Texas 76011



Dear Mr. Collins:

River Bend Station Unit 1  
Docket No. 50-458  
Interim Report/DR-173

Gulf States Utilities Company has not completed its investigation of DR-173 concerning elbows supplied by General Electric Company for the Main Steam System. An interim or final status report will be provided by June 8, 1984.

Sincerely,

*L. Q. England for*

J. E. Booker  
Manager-Engineering,  
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