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Mr. D. G. Eisenhut  
Division of Licensing  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Eisenhut:

River Bend Station Unit 1  
Docket No. 50-458

Please find attached forty (40) copies of Gulf States Utilities (GSU) partial response to Generic Letter 84-24 entitled "Certification of Compliance to 10CFR50.49, Environmental Qualification of Electric Equipment Important to Safety for Nuclear Power Plants."

Sincerely,

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ATTACHMENT

Partial Response to GL 34-24

GSU provides the following certification:

- a) River Bend Station has in place an environmental qualification (EQ) program that satisfies the requirements of 10 CFR 50.49. It is GSU's understanding that the generic letter reference to program implementation within the currently approved schedule applies to operating licensees per 10 CFR 50.49(g). GSU's EQ Program follows the guidelines specified under 10 CFR 50.49(i).
- b) River Bend Station has at least one path to safe shutdown from power levels up to and including 5 (five) percent using fully qualified equipment. This statement assumes the acceptability of revised justifications for interim operation (JIOs) submitted prior to fuel load.
- c) GSU will provide certification that all equipment within the scope of 50.49 is either fully qualified or that a JIO has been submitted pending full qualification. Certification to this effect will be provided prior to fuel load.

Furthermore, GSU does have in effect a program governed by River Bend Project Procedure 4.1 for the receipt and dissemination of NRC correspondence such as Bulletins and Information Notices. This correspondence, to the extent of their applicability, is reviewed and evaluated for possible impact on the River Bend Station. Information obtained from the evaluations of those Bulletins and Information Notices, identifying relevant EQ concerns, is incorporated into GSU's EQ Program for River Bend.