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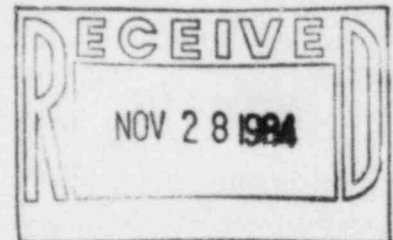
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Mr. Robert D. Martin, Regional Administrator
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV, Office of Inspection and Enforcement
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1C00
Arlington, Texas 76011

Dear Mr. Martin:

River Bend Station Unit 1
Docket No. 50-458
Interim Report/DR-259



On October 19, 1984, GSU notified Region IV by telephone that it had determined DR-259 to be reportable under 10CFR50.55(e). This deficiency concerns split terminal blocks manufactured by Underwriter's Safety Device Company (Part No. 13549). The attachment to this letter is GSU's interim 30-day written report pursuant to 10CFR50.55(e) with regard to this deficiency.

An interim or final status report will be provided by January 3, 1985.

Sincerely,

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ATTACHMENT

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DR-259 Split Terminal Blocks Manufactured by Underwriter's Safety Device Company

Background and Description of the Problem

The problem concerns split terminal blocks, manufactured by Underwriter's Safety Device Company, (Part No. 13549) that were found to be partially or fully separated. This condition resulted in a loss of continuity through the Motor Control Center Cubicle terminal blocks. The cause of the terminal block separation is not known at this time.

Safety Implication

On several occasions, various safety related valves have either failed to operate or did not complete their open and/or close cycle. The systems affected by this condition are Low Pressure Core Spray, Residual Heat Removal, Reactor Plant Closed Cooling Water, and Reactor Core Isolation Cooling.

Corrective Action

Appropriate corrective action has not yet been determined.