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In Reply Refer To:
Docket: 50-458/85-43

Gulf States Utilities
ATTN: William J. Cahill, Jr.
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. D. D. Chamberlain, J. P. Jaudon, and J. R. Boardman of this office during the period May 1 through June 15, 1985, of activities authorized by NRC Construction Permit for River Bend Station, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. J. C. Deddens and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection included review of licensee action on previous inspection findings, site tours, reactor protection system pre-operational test witness, reactor pressure vessel leakage test witness, control rod drive system full core scram test witness, reactor coolant system hydrostatic test results evaluation, construction quality assurance (QA) program review, Inspection and Enforcement (IE) Bulletin follow up, and allegation follow up. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector. These findings are documented in the enclosed report.

During this inspection, it was found that certain of your activities were in violation of NRC requirements. Consequently, you are required to respond to this violation, in writing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Your response should be based on the specifics contained in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter.

The response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notices are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By
J. P. Jaudon

E. H. Johnson, Chief
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report
50-458/85-43

cc w/enclosures:

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