

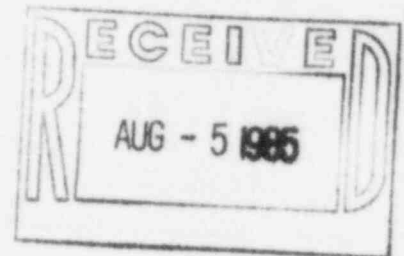


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Dear Mr. Martin:

River Bend Station - Unit 1
Docket No. 50-458

As you requested this supplements my letter of July 25, 1985 (RBG-21,654) and provides additional information regarding Gulf States Utilities' programs to assure the readiness of River Bend Unit 1 for fuel loading.

The plant has been substantially completed in accordance with the FSAR and other licensing documents.

As an internal management tool to assure readiness a comprehensive review listing of both plant specific and corporate readiness for loading fuel at River Bend was developed in early 1985. This program requires internal signoff for completeness by responsible managers.

This program is complete with the exception of the areas which are being closed out by the following programs:

1. All systems required for fuel load have been completed and transferred for operation under the Station Manual except the Traversing Incore Probe which will be completed before fuel load.
2. As further assurance of system readiness a system operability review process is being conducted on all safety-related systems required to support fuel load and operations and the fire protection and radwaste systems.
3. All Surveillance Test Procedures required for Modes 4 and 5 are being baselined prior to fuel load.

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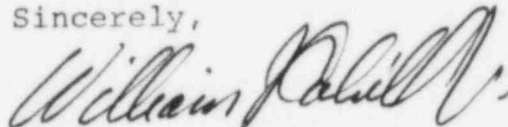
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4. Of the approximately 283 total remaining area punch list work items, none are required for fuel load, 65 are coded Priority 1, which unlike system priority assignments is solely an indication of schedule priority and not related to system operability. These items have been determined to have no impact on system operability. Some of these work items represent intentionally deferred work such as handrails and access platforms, or work requiring initial plant heatup such as installation of hot gap shims. The remaining area punch list items represent open documentation in the process of final closure which require no physical work.
5. All items identified under 10CFR50.55(e) programs have been reviewed with Region IV inspectors. GSU is completing closeout activities on eight remaining items. This ongoing work will not adversely impact the safety of the plant and NRC Region IV personnel have reviewed and accepted the work completion schedule.

This program provides us with additional confidence that the plant is ready for licensing.

Sincerely,



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