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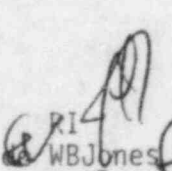
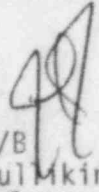



Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. D. D. Chamberlain, W. B. Jones, and R. P. Mullikin of this office during the period September 16 through October 31, 1985, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License NPF-40 for River Bend Station, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. T. C. Crouse 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, status of facility operating license conditions, site tours, initial fuel loading witness, control and use of field change notices, licensee quality concern program review, initial criticality witness, licensee identified construction deficiency review, and surveillance testing baseline witness. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors. 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 these violations, 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:

L. E. MARTIN"

L. E. Martin, Acting Chief
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report
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cc w/enclosures:

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