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Director, Region IV
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
611 Ryan Plaza Drive
Suite 1000
Arlington, TX 76011

Dear Sir:

River Bend Station Unit 1
Docket No. 50-458

Our letter of March 30, 1979, identified to you a potential deficiency reportable under 10CFR50.55 (e). As stated in that letter, this potential deficiency was in regard to some suspect cadweld sleeves manufactured for us by Graver Energy Systems. Our letter of April 27, 1979, updated the original letter and stated that we were pursuing our investigation of the matter. We have now determined that the deficiency identified in our original letter is a reportable deficiency under the requirements of 10CFR50.55 (e), part iii. We are in the process of completing our report on this deficiency, which will include an analysis of the safety implications and our corrective action and will provide this report to you within 30 days.

Sincerely,

J. G. Weigand
General Manager-Nuclear Projects

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cc: Director, Office of Inspection and Enforcement, Washington, D.C. (15)

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