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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 10CFR 50.55(e). This was in regard to some suspect cadweld sleeves manufactured for us by Graver Energy Systems. As indicated in that letter, we are now updating our report. We are continuing our development of an evaluation and rectification procedure. We have not completed that development as yet, so we can not provide a resolution at this time. We will provide detailed information of the status of the sleeves as soon as it becomes available. In any case, we will provide another update no later than 30 days from the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

L. L. Humphreys  
Senior Vice President  
Engineering & Construction

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