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RBG - 5996
File G9.5

Director, Region IV, USNRC
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
611 Ryan Plaza Drive
Suite 1000
Arlington, TX 76012

Dear Sir:

River Bend Station - Units 1 & 2
Docket Nos. 50-458 and 50-459

Reference: GSU letter No. RBG - 4742, dated November 29, 1977
GSU letter No. RBG - 5078, dated March 23, 1977
GSU letter No. RBG - 5442, dated July 5, 1978

Attached to this letter is Gulf States' final resolution and corrective action with regard to the deficiency identified in the above referenced letters, associated with the Reinforcing Steel supplied by Trans-American Steel Corporation, Welcome, North Carolina.

Gulf States considers this item to be satisfactorily resolved and the item closed.

Sincerely,

L. L. Humphreys
Senior Vice President
Energy Development

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Attachment

cc: Director, NRC Region IV (2)
Director, IE, NRC (15)

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Corrective Action Initiated
To Resolve Problem

Gulf States has completed the evaluation of the deficiency identified in GSU letter number RBC-4742, dated November 29, 1977. The results of this evaluation showed that there was a deficiency, as defined by 10CFR50.55(e)(1)(i), with the manufacture and fabrication of reinforcing steel supplied by Trans-American Steel Corporation, Welcome, North Carolina. This deficiency is considered a breakdown in the implementation of its Quality Assurance Program by Trans-American Steel as it related to the manufacture and fabrication of Category I Reinforcing Steel.

As stated in our previous letter dated July 5, 1978, Trans-American Steel was released to resume fabrication and shipments of Category I reinforcing steel, with no restrictions, effective December 26, 1977. This release was based on the satisfactory results of a corrective action audit performed of Trans-American on December 20-22, 1977.

The Category I reinforcing steel supplied by Trans-American and its sub-suppliers, which was manufactured, fabricated, or shipped to the job site prior to December 9, 1977, has been rejected by Gulf States for use in Category I structures.

The rejected reinforcing steel, which is at the River Bend job site, is presently being retagged and removed from the immediate River Bend construction area to a location near the 500KV spoils area. This is to provide further segregation and control to prevent its inadvertent use or installation in a Category I structure.

If it is determined feasible at some later date to use this reinforcing steel in a non-Category I structure, its use will be closely monitored and documented to assure that proper control is maintained throughout erection and installation.