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Mr. Karl V. Seyfrit, Director  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region IV  
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000  
Arlington, Texas 76011

Dear Mr. Seyfrit:

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

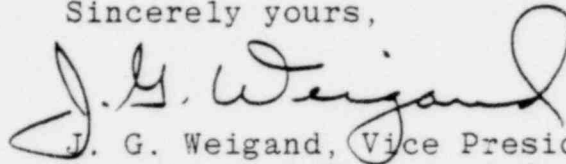
In our letter of November 29, 1977 with regard to reinforcing steel manufactured by TransAmerican Steel, GSU indicated that in establishing a program for control of reinforcing steel on-site that only QA CAT I steel would be used for the River Bend Station. In subsequent letters on the matter, GSU further evaluated the reinforcing steel program and indicated in the final response letter dated December 29, 1978 that other than QA CAT I steel might be used at the River Bend site but only in conjunction with the establishment of an adequate control program.

Since that time a control program has been established and applied at the site in the form of S&W Procedure CSI 1.2, Control Marking "Non-QA" Category I Reinforcing Steel, Revision I. Recently we have evaluated "Dywidag" reinforcing steel for use in non-category I structures. This steel is easily recognizable because of its unique deformation pattern which actually makes the control easier. Also there is a benefit in construction efficiency from its use. Of the "Dywidag" reinforcing steel that we have received on site for use in non-category I structures, we have experienced no control problems.

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Based on our evaluation we intend to use "Dywidag" reinforcing steel in non-category I structures. If additional information is required, please contact Mr. Tom Crouse, Director, Quality Assurance, River Bend Station.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. G. Weigand". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

J. G. Weigand, Vice President  
Operations & Technical Systems  
River Bend Nuclear Group

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