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July 10, 1980

In Reply Refer To:

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Docket No. 50-458/Rpt. 80-05

Gulf States Utilities
ATTN: Dr. E. Linn Draper, Jr.
Vice President-Technology
Post Office Box 2951
Beaumont, Texas 77704

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. A. B. Beach of our staff during the periods May 27-30 and June 2-5, 1980, of activities authorized by NRC Construction Permit No. CPPR-145 for River Bend, Unit No. 1, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. T. L. Crouse and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection and our findings are discussed in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

During the inspection, it was found that certain activities under your license appear to be in noncompliance with Appendix B to 10 CFR 50 of the NRC Regulations, "Quality Assurance Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants." The items of non-compliance and references to the pertinent requirements are identified in the enclosed Notice of Violation.

This notice is sent to you pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Section 2.201 requires you to submit to this office, within 30 days of your receipt of this notice, a written statement or explanation in reply including:

- (1) corrective steps which will be taken by you, and the results achieved;
- (2) corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further noncompliance; and
- (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved.

The item of noncompliance involving the placement of safety-related concrete prior to assuring that the aggregate used in the concrete meets the specification requirements has been the subject of previous items of noncompliance. We are concerned about the effectiveness of your management control program that will allow this noncompliance to be repeated. Consequently, in your reply to the Notice of Violation, please provide separate comments concerning plans you may have to improve the effectiveness of your management control program in this regard.

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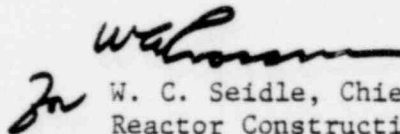
During this inspection, it was also found that certain of your activities appeared to deviate from commitments in the PSAR. This item and references to the specific commitments are identified in the enclosed Notice of Deviation. In your reply, please include your comments concerning this item, a description of any steps that have been or will be taken to correct it, a description of any steps that have been or will be taken to prevent recurrence, and the date all corrective actions or preventive measures were or will be completed.

Three new unresolved items are identified in paragraphs 2.d.(2)(b), 3.a and 3.b of the enclosed report. Information with regard to investigative effort on an allegation is contained in paragraph 2.c.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If the report contains any information that you believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you submit a written application to this office, within 20 days of the date of this letter, requesting that such information be withheld from public disclosure. The application must include a full statement of the reasons why it is claimed that the information is proprietary. The application should be prepared so that any proprietary information identified is contained in an enclosure to the application, since the application without the enclosure will also be placed in the Public Document Room. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,


W. C. Seidle, Chief
Reactor Construction and
Engineering Support Branch

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B, Notice of Deviation
3. IE Inspection Report No. 50-382/80-05