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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV
611 RYAN PLAZA DRIVE, SUITE 1000
ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76012

August 15, 1980

In Reply Refer To:
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Docket No. 50-458/80-05

Gulf States Utilities
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Beaumont, Texas 77704

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter of July 29, 1980, in response to our letter, dated July 10, 1980, regarding apparent items of noncompliance. However, as a result of our review, we find that additional information, as discussed with your Mr. T. C. Crouse on August 8, 1980, is needed. Specifically:

Item A

Please provide further information or clarification of the use of the word "qualified" in the first sentence under the heading "Action taken and results achieved." The sentence reads: "Individuals performing inspection activities were qualified and only allowed to inspect in specific activities or perform those tasks for which they were qualified."

Item B

From your response, the practice of using Assistant Technicians, Technicians, and Trainees for generating test reports and inspection reports does not seem to be prohibited, since it states that all test reports and inspection reports initiated by these individuals must be reviewed and co-signed by a Level II or Level III individual. ANSI N45.2.6-1973 allows only a Level I individual or above to implement an inspection report. Thus, it appears that these other individuals cannot perform inspections nor initiate inspection reports. Please clarify your intentions in this matter.

In addition, please identify the term, "Inspection Report," referenced in Item 2 under "Corrective action taken to prevent further noncompliance."

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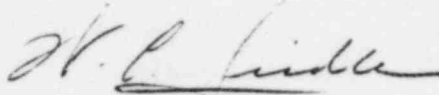
Item C

Please provide further information concerning the tests that were performed prior to use of the material in production concrete. Also, indicate what documentation provides the necessary data for the air dry unit weights of 143.7 pcf for Mix "C", and 143.1 pcf in Mix "G".

The use of materials in safety-related concrete placement prior to assuring these materials meet all the qualification requirements of the specifications is a repetitive item of noncompliance. Please provide additional information regarding corrective action taken to prevent any further noncompliance in this area.

You are requested to provide the additional information within 20 days after your receipt of this letter. If you have any questions concerning this request, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



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