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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
REGION IV  
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August 19, 1980

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Docket No. 50-458/Rpt. 80-08

Gulf States Utilities  
ATTN: Dr. E. Linn Draper, Jr.  
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the special inspection conducted by Mr. A. B. Beach of our staff on July 30-31, 1980, of activities authorized by NRC Construction Permit No. CPPR-145 for River Bend, Unit No. 1. The inspection consisted of an examination of the proceedings of your investigation into the concerns expressed by the Union of Concerned Scientists in their letter, dated July 21, 1980, to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and of the preliminary results of this investigation.

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 representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

No items of noncompliance or deviations were identified during this inspection.

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.

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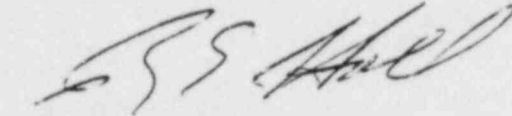
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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. C. Seidle', written in a cursive style.

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

Enclosure:

IE Inspection Report No. 50-458/80-08