

January 5, 1990

Gulf States Utilities
ATTN: Mr. James C. Deddens
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Dear Mr. Deddens:

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S DECISION UNDER 10 CFR 2.206 REGARDING BWR DESIGN PROBLEMS

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The petitioner also expressed concern that GE is pursuing a "standardized" Advanced Boiling Water Reactor design which petitioner alleges fails to address many of the shortcomings identified by GE's own engineers as far back as the 1975 Reed Report. The petitioner was informed that the staff has not yet completed its safety evaluation for advanced boiling water reactor designs, nor has any utility applied for a license to build or operate an advanced boiling water reactor.

Sincerely, Original Signed By
Frederick J. Hebdon

Frederick J. Hebdon, Director
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Enclosures:

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