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In Reply Refer To:
Docket: 50-458/89-40

Gulf States Utilities
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. E. J. Ford and W. B. Jones of this office during the period November 1-30, 1989, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License NPF-47 for River Bend Station, and to the discussion of our findings with you and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection included operational safety, followup of events, maintenance, surveillance, service water system, and followup of Information Notice 89-51.

Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the NRC inspectors. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

During this inspection, it was found that certain of your activities were in violation of NRC requirements. Consequently, you are required to respond to this violation, in writing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Your response should be based on the specifics contained in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter.

In addition, it was found that while certain other activities were in violation of NRC requirements, you had identified the problems and were taking appropriate corrective actions within a reasonable period of time. Because the NRC wants to encourage and support licensee initiative for self-identification and correction of problems, a Notice of Violation will not be issued on this item. This action is being taken in accordance with Appendix C, paragraph V.G.1, of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notices are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report
50-458/89-40

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