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

Gulf States Utilities  
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Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter of February 9, 1990, in response to our letter and Notice of Violation dated January 10, 1990. We have reviewed your reply and find it responsive to the concerns raised in our Notice of Violation. We will review the implementation of your corrective actions during a future inspection to determine that full compliance has been achieved and will be maintained.

Sincerely,

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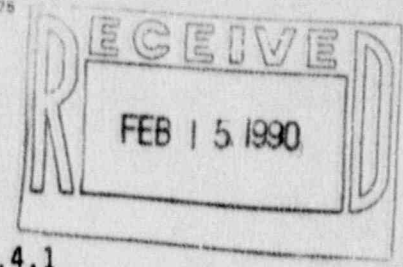
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Gentlemen:

River Bend Station - Unit 1  
Refer to : Region IV  
Docket No. 50-458/89-40

Pursuant to 10CFR2.201, this letter provides Gulf States Utilities Company's (GSU) response to the Notice of Violation for NRC Inspection Report No. 50-458/89-40. The inspection was conducted by Messrs. E. J. Ford and W. B. Jones during the period November 1-30, 1989, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License NPF-47 for River Bend Station - Unit 1. GSU's response to the violation is provided in the enclosure.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. L. A. England at (504) 381-4145.

Sincerely,

J. C. Deddens  
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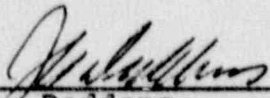
STATE OF LOUISIANA )  
PARISH OF WEST FELICIANA )  
In the Matter of )  
GULF STATES UTILITIES COMPANY )

Docket No. 50-458


(River Bend Station - Unit 1)

AFFIDAVIT

J. C. Deddens, being duly sworn, states that he is a Senior Vice President of Gulf States Utilities Company; that he is authorized on the part of said company to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission the documents attached hereto; and that all such documents are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

  
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J. C. Deddens

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and Parish above named, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1990. My Commission expires with Life.

  
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Claudia F. Hurst  
Notary Public in and for  
West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION 50-458/8940-01**  
**LEVEL IV**

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REFERENCE

Notice of Violation - Letter from S. J. Collins to J. C. Deddens, dated January 10, 1990.

FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE CONTROL FOR MATERIAL ACCESS TO THE CONTAINMENT

The Code of Federal Regulations, in 10CFR50.59, allows a licensee to make changes to a facility as described in the safety analysis report provided the changes do not increase the probability of a malfunction of equipment important to safety.

Contrary to the above, on November 30, 1989, with the reactor at 97 percent thermal power, the licensee made a change to the facility by placing materials in the containment which increased the probability of a malfunction of emergency core cooling systems during an accident in that the material could obstruct the flow path of those emergency systems that use the suppression pool as a source of cooling water for the reactor. These materials included several hundred square feet of plastic sheeting, computer terminals and tables located on a walkway directly over the suppression pool.

REASON FOR THE VIOLATION

On November 30, 1989, the Director - Radiological Programs initiated Condition Report (CR) 89-1242. This CR identifies a condition where materials were pre-staged on the 95' elevation of the containment in preparation for an outage without approval of the shift supervisor. The root cause of this event is considered to be a lack of coordination between the shift supervisor and the radiation protection personnel responsible for placing this material inside the containment.

CORRECTIVE STEPS WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE RESULTS ACHIEVED

Upon discovery, all pre-staged material was removed from the containment. On December 11, 1989, the Director-Radiological Programs issued a memorandum to all radiation protection personnel reminding them to notify the shift supervisor of the quantity and location of material being moved into the containment. Additionally, all Radiation Protection personnel were cautioned on the placement of material on the 95' elevation of the containment.

CORRECTIVE STEPS WHICH WILL BE TAKEN TO PREVENT FURTHER VIOLATIONS

A sign will be posted inside the containment at the entrances to the 95' elevation stating:

WITH THE PLANT IN MODES 1 OR 2, MATERIALS BEING USED ON THE 95' ELEVATION SHALL NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED UNLESS PROPERLY ANALYZED.

An additional sign will be posted at the airlock entrances reminding personnel that any irretrievable item(s) dropped into the suppression pool shall be identified on a condition report in accordance with Administrative Procedure (ADM)-019.

DATE WHEN FULL COMPLIANCE WILL BE ACHIEVED

All signs will be posted by February 15, 1990.