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Mr. John T. Collins, Regional Administrator  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region IV, Office of Inspection and Enforcement  
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000  
Arlington, Texas 76011

Dear Mr. Collins:

River Bend Station-Unit 1  
Docket No. 50-458



In Gulf States Utilities' (GSU) November 11, 1981, letter to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), GSU identified a potential problem with the Bergen-Patterson QA program that governs the documentation of A-500 steel. In GSU's December 23, 1981, letter on this subject, GSU committed to provide a status report by March 5, 1982.

GSU QA has completed a review and evaluation of the Bergen-Patterson QA program, and two of their material suppliers. Results were discussed within GSU and S&W management on February 19, 1982. Additional information required on this issue is to be provided by S&W to permit GSU to reach a conclusion by March 31, 1982. In accordance with GSU's commitment to keep the NRC informed of potentially reportable concerns, GSU will inform Region IV of the status of this investigation within 30 days.

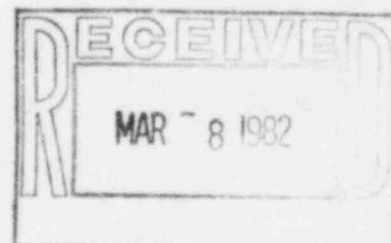
Sincerely,

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