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REGION IV

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Docket: 50-458
License: NPF-47

Gulf States Utilities
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-458/93-28 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the inspection conducted by W. F. Smith, and the inspectors identified in the attached report, of this office on November 7 through December 18, 1993. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your River Bend Station facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain licensed activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The first violation is of concern because operator errors resulted in operating the plant in conditions prohibited by the Technical Specifications. The second violation is of concern because work instructions were not followed. This violation demonstrated that some plant personnel still do not properly attend to details in accordance with management's expectations. The third violation is of concern because procedure inadequacies appeared in work instructions currently being generated.

One unresolved item was identified concerning the use of Generic Letter 91-18 guidance to substitute manual detection and manual actuation in lieu of automatic actions that were intended to mitigate the consequences of an accident. This matter is discussed in Section 2.3.2 of the enclosed inspection report.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future

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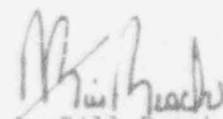
inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

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

Sincerely,



A. Bill Beach, Director
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report
50-458/93-28

cc w/enclosures:

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