



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV

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Docket: 50-458  
License: NPF-47

Gulf States Utilities  
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-458/93-27 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. W. F. Smith, and the inspectors identified in the attached report, of this office on September 26 through November 6, 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 you and 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 an appropriate postmaintenance test was not specified after performing an adjustment to a breaker supplying power to a safety-related, motor-operated valve. A similar violation was identified in February 1993, as documented in NRC Inspection Report 50-458/93-05. In your response, please address the reason corrective actions taken in response to that violation did not prevent recurrence. The second violation is of concern because, although the examples cited were of minor consequence, it demonstrated that not all of your staff is complying with your stated expectations to either follow procedures or to stop and have the procedures corrected. We continue to hold the view that working around deficient procedures is unacceptable. The third violation is of concern because deficient inservice testing procedures were identified previously in NRC Inspection Report 50-458/93-05, and you had committed to walk down these procedures prior to use. Your previous actions did not appear to have been effectively implemented, and your response should reinforce the previous commitment by addressing additional actions that will most likely prevent recurrence.

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One unresolved item was identified concerning the cause of a local power range monitor test switch that was discovered incorrectly positioned during a reactor startup. This matter is discussed in Section 2.4 of the enclosed inspection report and will remain open pending the completion of your investigation.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notices 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 the Notices, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC commitments and 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,



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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report  
50-458/93-27

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