

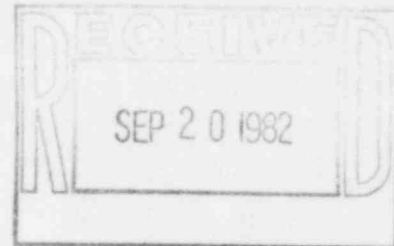


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Mr. John T. Collins, Regional Administrator  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region IV, Office of Inspection and Enforcement  
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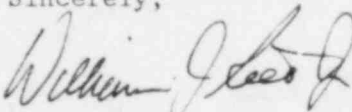


Dear Mr. Collins:

River Bend Station Unti 1  
Docket No. 50-458  
Interim Report/DR-69

On August 19, 1982, Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU) notified the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Region IV Office of a condition potentially reportable under 10CFR50.55(e) concerning welding electrodes supplied by Chemetron Corporation (DR-69). GSU specified E309-16 welding electrodes (3/32 inch) and after receipt and issuance of several electrodes, it was discovered that E308-16 electrodes were mixed with the E309-16 electrodes. GSU's investigation is not complete at this time. An interim or final status report will be provided by October 26, 1982.

Sincerely,

  
for J. E. Booker  
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River Bend Nuclear Group

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