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License No. NPF-47
EA 91-008

Gulf States Utilities
ATTN: James C. Dedders
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-458/91-04

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. E. J. Ford of this office on January 8-10, 1991. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your River Bend Station, Unit 1, facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with you and your staff identified in the enclosed inspection report.

The area examined during the inspection was the followup of an issue identified by your staff, on January 4, 1991, that involved the ability of the automatic depressurization system to perform its intended design functions. Within this area, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress. The findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

Based on the results of this inspection, one apparent violation was identified and is being considered for escalated enforcement action in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," (Enforcement Policy), 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1990). The apparent violation involves the apparent inoperability of the automatic depressurization system. Accordingly, no Notice of Violation is presently being issued for the inspection finding. In addition, please be advised that the number and characterization of apparent violations may change as a result of further NRC review.

An enforcement conference to discuss this apparent violation has been scheduled for 10 a.m. (CST) on January 31, 1991. The purposes of this conference are to discuss the apparent violation, its causes, and safety significance; to provide you the opportunity to point out any errors in our inspection report; to provide an opportunity for you to present your proposed corrective actions; and to discuss any other information that will help us determine the appropriate enforcement action in accordance with the Enforcement Policy. You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations on this matter. No response regarding the apparent violation is required at this time.

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

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
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Enclosure:
Appendix - NRC Inspection Report
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