

March 31, 1992

Docket 50-458

Gulf States Utilities
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Dear Mr. Deddens:

SUBJECT: RIVER BEND STATION, UNIT 1 - CHANGES TO THE BIOFOULING
PREVENTION AND DETECTION PROGRAM (TAC NO. M82978)

Technical Specification 6.8.4.d for the River Bend Station states that a Biofouling Prevention and Detection program must be established, implemented, and maintained to prevent biofouling of safety-related equipment, to assure detection of Corbicula in the intake embayment and the clarifier influent, and to monitor and survey safety-related equipment to detect biofouling. In addition, this specification states that changes to this program must be submitted to and approved by the NRC (both the Region and NRR) prior to implementation.

Your letter of March 4, 1992 (RBG-36584), requested a change in this program by eliminating the current requirement to continuously chlorinate the service water system for Asiatic clam control. This change was requested in support of your current activities to convert the non-safety related service water system to a closed system.

The staff has completed its review of your request. Based on our determination that the proposed modification to the Biofouling Prevention and Detection program does not (1) represent a change to the River Bend Technical Specifications, and (2) prevent it from performing its stated function, we find the proposed change acceptable. The Region IV Office has concurred in this finding.

Our Safety Evaluation is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

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Safety Evaluation

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