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License No. NPF-47

Gulf States Utilities
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION NO. 50-458/92-01

This refers to the team inspection conducted by Mr. Nemen M. Terc of this office and other accompanying personnel during the period February 25-28, 1992, of activities authorized for your River Bend Station (RBS). 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 included the implementation of your emergency plan and procedures during your annual emergency response exercise. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

Within the scope of the inspection, no violations or deviations were identified.

Your staff's participation in the emergency exercise demonstrated that your emergency preparedness program and staff were prepared to protect the health and safety of the public. Your overall response to the simulated emergency was excellent. However, the enclosed inspection report identifies areas of weakness in your emergency preparedness program. There were two weaknesses: one example of poor information flow on a critical issue and an isolated instance of poor radiological control, during in-plant repair activities.

Exercise weaknesses according to 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix E.IV.F.5, are inspection findings that need to be corrected by the licensee. You are requested to provide this office with a description of your corrective measures and your schedule for completing these actions within 30 days after receipt of this letter.

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We also examined actions you have taken with regard to previously identified inspection findings. The status of these items is identified in paragraph 2 of the enclosed report.

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

The responses directed by this letter 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.

If 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:
NRC Inspection Report
50-458/92-01

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