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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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Arlington, Texas 76011

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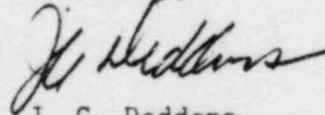
Dear Mr. Collins:

River Bend Station Unit 1
Refer to: RIV
Docket No. 50-458/Report 84-04

This letter is in response to the Notice of Violations contained in NRC I&E Inspection Report No. 50-458/84-04. The inspection was conducted at the River Bend Station construction site by Mr. Robert E. Farrell during the period January 23, 1984 through March 19, 1984, of activities authorized by NRC Construction Permit CPPR-145 for River Bend Station Unit No. 1.

Gulf States Utilities Company's (GSU) response to the Notice of Violations 84-04-01, "Failure to Maintain Protective Environment" and 84-04-02, "Failure to Control Welding Material", is provided in the enclosed attachment. This completes GSU's response to the Notice of Violations.

Sincerely,



J. C. Deddens
Vice President
River Bend Nuclear Group

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Attachment

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ATTACHMENT

Response to Notice of Violations

Reference

Notice of Violations - E. H. Johnson letter to W. J. Cahill dated April 16, 1984.

Refer to: Docket 50-458/84-04

1. Failure to Maintain Protective Environment (84-04-01)

Response

Corrective Steps Which Have Been Taken And The Results Achieved

Although site housekeeping has always been an ongoing effort, the Corrective Action taken involved a concerted site-wide clean up with particular emphasis on the Reactor Building. Additional people were brought into the area to support this effort resulting in removal of unused materials and equipment and coil up of welding leads. General housekeeping with brooms, vacuum cleaners and other equipment was also performed.

Corrective Steps Taken To Avoid Further Violations

Corrective steps which have been taken to maintain the present level of cleanliness include appointment of a full-time Supervisor to the area and assignment of additional laborers to both A and B night shifts. These people are dedicated only to cleanliness. Further, a committee was formed to monitor site cleanliness. This will be done by periodic plant walk throughs with subsequent recommendations for maintaining the desired level of cleanliness. The committee was formed and operating on April 30, 1984.

Date When Full Compliance Will Be Achieved

Full compliance will be achieved by May 18, 1984.

2. Failure To Control Welding Material 84-04-02

Response

Corrective Steps Which Have Been Taken And The Results Achieved

A search for uncontrolled electrodes inside the containment, auxiliary building, and drywell area was performed, and no other noted violations other than that identified in the finding occurred.

Corrective Steps Taken To Avoid Further Violations

A memo was prepared and distributed to all welders reminding them of their responsibilities regarding the proper disposal of used welding materials.

Supervisors were reminded of their responsibilities with respect to weld rod control to ensure that all waste ends of electrodes, unused bare wire, and all unused electrodes are returned to the rod issue station.

Signs were made up and posted at all rod stations. These signs are a constant reminder of all of their responsibilities in connection with the weld material control program.

The stub and rod disposal area to each station has been revamped to better ensure that weld materials being returned are placed in the appropriate container, not on the ground.

Rod station attendants have been instructed to perform surveillance of buildings during slack periods. Supervisors, together with rod station attendants, will constitute what amounts to a full-time surveillance program.

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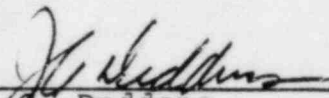
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

STATE OF TEXAS <
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COUNTY OF JEFFERSON <
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In the Matter of < Docket Nos. 50-458
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GULF STATES UTILITIES COMPANY <
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(River Bend Station <
Unit 1) <


AFFIDAVIT

J. C. Deddens, being duly sworn, states that he is Vice President-River Bend Nuclear Group for Gulf States Utilities Company; that he is authorized on the part of said Company to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission the documents attached hereto; that he has read all of the statements contained in such documents attached thereto and made a part thereof; and that all such statements made and matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



J. C. Deddens

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County above named, this 3 day of May, 1984.



Notary Public in and for
Jefferson County, Texas My

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