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In Reply Refer To:
Docket: 50-458/84-02

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Gulf States Utilities
ATTN: William J. Cahill, Jr.
Senior Vice President
River Bend Nuclear Group
P.O. Box 2951
Beaumont, Texas 77704

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. H. W. Kerch, R. H. Harris, and R. M. Campbell of the Region I office during the period February 13-March 9, 1984, of activities authorized by NRC Construction Permit CPPR-145 for River Bend, Unit 1, and to the discussion of our findings with you, and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection included NRC independent measurements inspection conducted at the utilities' construction site using the NRC Mobile Nondestructive Examination (NDE) laboratory; selected safety-related piping, structural and support weldments fabricated to ASME Code, Section III, Classes 1, 2, and 3 and American Welding Society (AWS) Code D1.1 requirements were inspected. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors. These findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

During this inspection, it was found that certain of your activities were in violation of NRC requirements. Consequently, you are required to respond to this violation, in writing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Your response should be based on the specifics contained in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter.

Two new unresolved items are identified in paragraph 5 of the enclosed inspection report.

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The response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed By
E. H. Johnson

E. H. Johnson, Chief
Reactor Project Branch 1

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report
50-458/84-02

cc w/enclosures:

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