



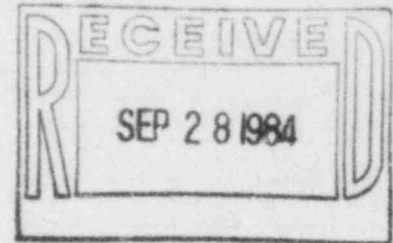
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Mr. John T. Collins, Regional Administrator  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region IV, Office of Inspection and Enforcement  
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000  
Arlington, Texas 76011



Dear Mr. Collins:

River Bend Station Unit 1  
Docket No. 50-458  
Final Report/DR-181

Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU) has completed its evaluation of DR-181 concerning surface conditions on field welds FW-002A and FW-004A. Indications originally detected by radiographic testing (RT) are not considered weld defects but surface conditions that require additional grinding and preparation for RT. After grinding the inside diameter of these welds to remove the surface conditions, a final RT verified adequate surface preparation. Because no hardware deficiency exists, the original weld would not have been compromised. Therefore GSU has determined this condition does not meet the reporting criteria of 10CFR50.55(e).

Sincerely,

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