



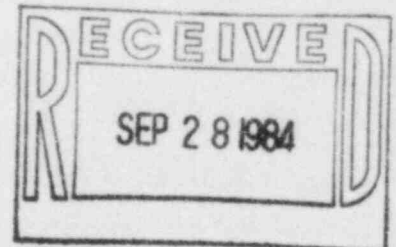
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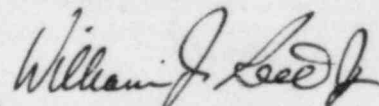


Dear Mr. Collins:

River Bend Station Unit 1
Docket No. 50-458
Final Report/DR-180

Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU) has completed its evaluation of DR-180 concerning full penetration welds with backing bars specified for connection plates welded to radial beams in the Reactor Building. Twenty-eight of the fifty-six welds reinspected were found not to meet specifications. The 28 welds have been reworked by Construction to specified requirements. An engineering evaluation was performed on these 28 welds (Calculation No. S53.9000). Because all questionable welds were determined to be capable of meeting the design requirements prior to the rework, GSU has determined that this condition is not reportable under 10CFR50.55(e).

Sincerely,


for J. E. Booker
Manager-Engineering,
Nuclear Fuels & Licensing
River Bend Nuclear Group

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