

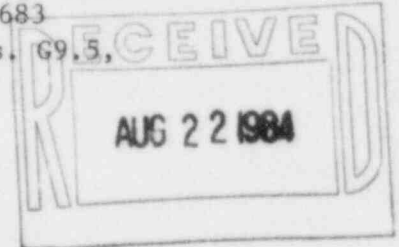


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Mr. John T. Collins, Regional Administrator  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region IV, Office of Inspection and Enforcement  
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Dear Mr. Collins:

River Bend Station-Unit 1  
Refer to: RIV  
Docket No. 50-458/Report 84-06

This letter is in response to open item No. 458/84-06-02 contained in I&E Inspection Report No. 50-458/84-06. The inspection was conducted at the River Bend Station construction site by Messrs. H. D. Chaney and B. Murray during the period April 30 through May 4, 1984 of activities authorized by NRC Construction Permit CPPR-145 for River Bend Station-Unit 1.

Staffing the Radiation Protection (RP) organization at River Bend Station with adequately qualified individuals is the basis for a successfully functioning RP organization. Currently it is estimated that of the total twenty-eight RP technicians, twenty-two will be qualified to the ANSI/ANS 3.1-1978 requirements while the remaining six will be technicians in training. The actual complement will depend on work load and job requirements. It is noted in the River Bend Station Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) and in the Nuclear Regulatory Commissions Safety Evaluation Report (SER) that at least one RP technician qualified to ANSI/ANS 3.1-1978 will be assigned to each shift. This individual must be capable of performing independent work and making recommendations to the operating staff. Overall, the ANSI/ANS 3.1-1978 qualification may be gained through the appropriate combination of experience and training to include previous military, commercial nuclear plant, or other related work. It is our goal to staff the shift RP technician slots with RP technicians who possess the ANSI/ANS 3.1-1978 qualifications which include previous nuclear power experience.

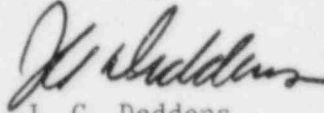
As of today, there are a total of ten RP technicians qualified with previous commercial nuclear plant experience working at River Bend.

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Two of these are GSU employees and eight are contract personnel. Based on the current shift complement and projected future work load, it is felt that a minimum of six qualified RP technicians will be needed to support the shift operations of the plant.

This concludes our response to this open item.

Sincerely,



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