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Docket No. 50-458
License No. NPF-47

Gulf States Utilities
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-458/92-04

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. A. Singh, and M. E. Murphy of this office and M. T. Widmann of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and T. Storey of Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), during the period January 27-31 and March 10, 1992, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License NPF-47 for River Bend Station, and to discussion of our findings with you and the members of your staff at the conclusion of the on-site portion of the inspection on January 31 and by telephone conversation on March 10, 1992.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. These included the review of application and installation of Thermo-Lag fire barrier, assessment of the fire barrier protection program, compliance with requirements of Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50, and followup of previously identified items.

Within the scope of the inspection, no violations or deviations were identified.

Two unresolved items are identified in paragraphs 4.2.6 and 5.1.7 of the enclosed inspection report.

We have also examined actions you have taken with regard to previously identified inspection findings. The status of these items is identified in paragraph 2 of the enclosed report.

You are requested to provide a written response to the unresolved items identified in the report within 30 days of the date of this letter as agreed to in our telephone conversation of March 10, 1992. Your response should specifically address the action you have taken or planned regarding each of the issues included in the unresolved items. This should include a schedule for completion of all actions required to assure compliance with 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix R. For the original Thermo-Lag installations, a discussion of the original basis for qualification should be included in your response.

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In accordance with 10 CFR Part 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,
Original Copy by:

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Enclosure:
Appendix - NRC Inspection Report
50-458/92-04 w/Attachment

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