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In Reply Refer To:
Docket: 50-458/84-06

Gulf States Utilities
ATTN: Mr. William J. Cahill, Jr.
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. H. D. Chaney and B. Murray of this office during the period April 30 through May 4, 1984, of activities authorized by NRC Construction Permit CPPR-145 for the River Bend Station, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. J. C. Deddens and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection included the radiation protection program, radiological training program, preparations for new fuel receipt, and selected Nureg-0737 action items. 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.

Within the scope of the inspection, no violations or deviations were identified. However, we are concerned regarding the lack of an adequate number of senior radiation protection technicians in your radiation protection department with commercial nuclear power plant experience. Accordingly, you are requested to respond, in writing, within 30 days of the date of this letter regarding your actions to provide an adequate number of qualified technicians onsite prior to fuel loading.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room unless you notify this office, by telephone, within 10 days of the date of this letter, and submit written application to withhold information contained therein within 30 days of the date of this letter. Such application must be consistent with the requirements of 2.790(b)(1).

The response directed by this letter 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.

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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
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Enclosure:
Appendix - NRC Inspection Report
50-458/84-06

cc w/enclosure:
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