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

Gulf States Utilities  
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-458/92-09 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. L. E. Ellershaw, L. D. Gilbert, and I. Barnes of this office on March 23-27, 1992. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your River Bend Station facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with you and those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report and included the program for feedback of operational experience information, the inservice inspection program, and your activities associated with the feedwater nozzle safe end replacement effort. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, and interviews with personnel by the inspectors.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The violation is of concern because of the potential created by untimely reviews of external information for defective equipment to remain in service for extended periods.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence.

In accordance with 10 CFR 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 Signed By:  
Thomas P. Gwynn  
A. Bill Beach, Director  
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Enclosures: (see next page)

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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report  
50-458/92-09

cc w/enclosures:

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