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REGION IV

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

Gulf States Utilities ATTN: James C. Deddens Senior Vice President P.O. Box 220 St. Francisville, Louisiana 70775

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-458/92-13 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. R. E. Baer and A. D. Gaines of this office on April 27 through May 1, 1992. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your River Bend Station. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. These included your radiation protection, solid radioactive waste, and transportation of radioactive materials programs. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations of activities in progress.

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). This violation is of concern to us because it indicates a lack of respect some workers apparently have for high radiation area controls. Furthermore, you have experienced several problems in the past regarding the control of high radiation areas.

Although this violation met some of the criteria specified in Section VII.B.2 of the Enforcement Policy for a noncited violation, it was also a repeat violation. Therefore, it is being cited because your previous corrective actions were apparently not fully effective in preventing a recurrence.

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. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

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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.

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,

~ A. Bill Beach, Director /

Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosure: NRC Inspection Report 50-458/92-13

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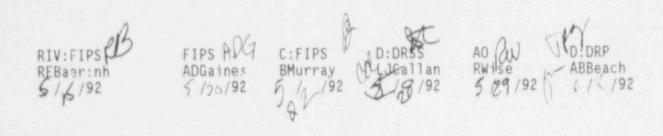
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