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Docket No. 50-458

Gulf States Utilities  
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Dear Mr. Deddens:

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF RESPONSE TO GENERIC LETTER 88-20, SUPPLEMENT NO.4 -  
INDIVIDUAL PLANT EXAMINATIONS FOR EXTERNAL EVENTS - RIVER BEND  
STATION, UNIT 1 (TAC NO. M83667)

Supplement 4 to Generic Letter 88-20 was issued on June 20, 1991, to require each licensee and each Construction Permit holder to conduct an individual plant examination of external events (IPEEE). Guidance was provided with the generic letter supplement in the form of NUREG-1407, "Procedural and Submittal Guidance for the Individual Plant Examination of External Events (IPEEE) for Severe Accident Vulnerabilities." The Supplement requested a 180-day response (December 26, 1991) that would (1) identify the method and approach selected for the IPEEE, (2) describe the method to be used if it has not previously been submitted for staff review, and (3) identify the milestones and schedule for performing the IPEEE and submittal of the results to the NRC. Licensees were requested in the Supplement to submit the IPEEE results to the NRC for review by June 27, 1994, (3 years after issuance of the Supplement) to ensure that the intent of the Commission's Severe Accident Policy Statement will be met by mid-1995.

We have reviewed your letter dated December 23, 1991 (RBG-36151) submitted in response to Generic Letter 88-20, Supplement 4. We find that your IPEEE submittal schedule and selected methods are acceptable. Please inform us of any changes that may be made to either the proposed schedule or methodology.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

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