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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. 50-458/92-21 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. W. M. McNeill of this office on June 8-12, 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 those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report. A subsequent telephone discussion was conducted on July 31, 1992, with your staff with regard to a previous inspection finding now classified as a violation in this report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report and pertained to activities associated with the reactor pressure vessel feedwater nozzle safe end replacement. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

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 violations are of concern because of the failure to assure compliance with the requirements of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Code which establishes structural integrity for materials and welding.

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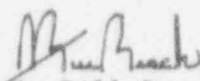
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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

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

Sincerely,



A. Bill Beach, Director
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report
50-458/92-21

cc w/enclosures:

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