

August 17, 1992

Docket No. 50-458

Gulf States Utilities
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Dear Mr. Deddens:

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NRC BULLETIN 92-01, "FAILURE OF THERMO-LAG 330 FIRE BARRIER SYSTEM" - RIVER BEND STATION, UNIT 1 (TAC NO. M83291)

By letter dated July 24, 1992 (RBG-37271), Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU) provided a response to NRC Bulletin 92-01 for the River Bend Station. Your response stated that compensatory measures in the form of hourly firewatch patrols have been implemented consistent with the plant technical specifications and that these measures have been in effect since October 26, 1989. The response further stated that GSU is participating in a NUMARC ad hoc committee on Thermo-Lag to develop appropriate actions to restore fire barrier operability. This program will include establishment of a test database, development of guidance for applicability of tests, development of generic installation guidance, and consideration and coordination of additional testing as appropriate.

We have reviewed your response and find it acceptable. Please inform us when all corrective actions associated with the above program have been completed. Further NRC review, if any, will be performed by inspection or audit. This completes the staff's activities on TAC No. M83291.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by William D. Reckley
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