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Gentlemen:

We have reviewed Gulf States Utilities' Report of Defect per 10CFR21 and offer the following clarifications and additional information:

The forged replacement elbow was purchased by Connex Pipe Systems on Purchase Order E8634-2 Item #1 from Ram Forge and shipped direct to Gulf States Utilities River Bend Station Unit 1 from Ram Forge and Steel Inc., P.O. Box 592, Industrial Park Road, Navasota, Texas 77868.

The elbow was then accepted by Gulf States Utilities River Bend Station - Unit 1 and was in the process of being machined when the defect was discovered. Upon notification by Gulf States, the elbow was returned to Connex to be repaired.

Connex reworked the elbow in accordance with ASME III NB-4130. The rework of the elbow was documented on Connex sketch E8630-1. The elbow was then returned to Gulf States Utilities River Bend Station Unit 1 along with the associated documentation.

In addition, Connex took immediate corrective action by removing Ram Forge from Connex's Approved Vendors List until a full investigation could be completed.

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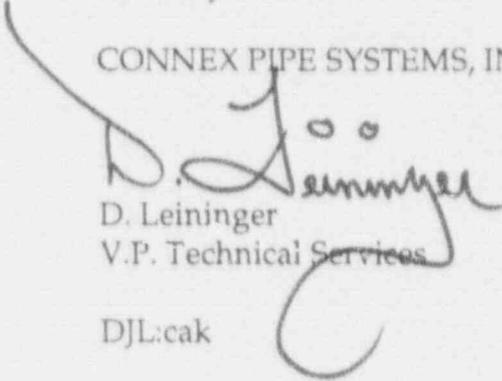
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Preliminary results of our investigation indicate that this was an isolated occurrence; however, specific cause has yet to be determined.

We hope this additional information will help supplement the report issued by Gulf States Utilities.

Sincerely,

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