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Gulf States Utilities Co. -- Report of Defect

Dated June 18, 1992-RBG-37042

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#### Gentlemen:

Connex Pipe Systems, Inc. has completed its investigat on of the defect discovered by Gulf States Utilities Co. (GSU) on the 12" Sch. 80 LR 90° Elbow \$A234 V PC and subsequently, reported in accordance with the requirements of 10CFR21. The following is a summary of the steps that were taken during the investigation to determine an adequate corrective action.

Initial Corrective Action was to remove Ram Forge from Connex's Approved Vendors List until further investigation could be perfermed. This was documented on Connex's Corrective Action Request (CAR #92-007) and verified by copy of Connex's Approved Vendors List.

In addition, Connex was able to determine that the Ram Forge elbow was an isolated occurrence. This was based upon wall thickness measurements taken on numerous ellows at Connex --all of which contained acceptable wall thickness. (See attached Ultrasonic thickness readings)

Connex, accompanied by GSU, went to Ram Forge to determine the root cause and verify Corrective Action. (See Ram Forge Discrepancy Report) Further investigation while at Ram Forge disclosed the fact that this particular elbow required ten (10) heats to form the elbow within the dye. This was unusual since they normally require two (2) heats. An excess of scale caused by the additional heats necessitated a great deal of grinding. Consequently, the elbow was ground below wall and not visible to the eye. Ram Forge did not question the wall thickness because past experience had shown their elbows to be much heavier. This was demonstrated to Connex and GSU from readings taken on a grid pattern on elbows for other customers.

Ram Forge has stated that they will check all elbows for wall thickness on 100% of ASME III orders. The wall thickness measurements will be taken on a grid over the entire elbow. Connex was unable to verify implementation since there were no ASME III orders for elbows in-house at Ram Forge.

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Prior to awarding Purchase Orders to Ram Forge, Connex shall audit their Quality System and assure provisions are in place to accomplish Ram Forge's corrective action and verify measurements taken on elbows at that time. Ram Forge will remain off Connex's Approved Vendors List until the audit is performed and is acceptable to Connex.

Sincerely,

D.J. Leminger

V.P. Technical Services

attachments

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cc: Ram Forge and Steel Inc.

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### 10 CFR 21 INVESTIGATION:

- PER GP-1 CONNEX HAS DETERMINED THAT A
  POTENTIAL EXIST FOR A PART 21, SINCE THE
  MATERIAL WAS ACCEPTED BY GSU.
  - GSU HAS RETURN THE MATERIAL TO CONNEY FOR REPAIR
  - CONNEY HAS REQUESTED GSU TO EVALUATE
    THE CONDITION TO DETERMINE WHETHER.
    A SUBSTANCIAL SAFETY NAZZARD COULD HAVE
    OCCURED AS A RESULT OF THE CONDITION.
  - 550 REPORTED THE DEFECT ON 5-18-92 to the NRC



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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.

It. 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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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,

CONNEX PIPE SYSTEMS, INC.

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Gentlemen:

River Bend Station - Unit 1 Docket No. 50-458

Pursuant to the requirements of 10CFR21.21(c)(3), Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU) is submitting this written report of a defect in a forged replacement elbow. The specified location for the elbow is in a 12" feedwater line. The attached report provides the information required by 10CFR21.21.

Sincerely,

J. C. Deddens

Senior Vice President

River Bend Nuclear Group

Attachment

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Connex Pipe Systems, Inc. 1115 Gilman Avenue Marietta, OH 45750 Attn: Mr. Kevin Welch

#### ATTACHMENT

GULF STATES UTILITIES COMPANY River Bend Station - Unit 1 Report of a Defect Per 10CFR21 Connex Pipe Systems, Inc.

1. Name and address of individual(s) informing the NRC:

Mr. J. C. Deddens, Senior Vice President, Gulf States Utilities Company

Address: Post Office Box 220 St. Francisville, LA 70775

2. Identification of the facility, the activity, or the basic component supplied for the facility or activity which fails to comply or contains a defect:

The basic component containing a defect was a forged replacement elbow, Connex sketch E-8634-1. The specified location of the elbow is at the first elbow off of reactor pressure vessel feedwater nozzle N4A.

3. Identification of the firm constructing or supplying the hasic component which fails to comply or contains a defect:

Connex Pipe Systems, Inc. 1115 Gilman Avenue Marietta, OH 45750

4. Nature of the defect or failure to comply and the safety hazard which is created:

The defect, revealed by Ultrasonic testing (UT) of the forged elbow involved numerous areas where the required code and design minimum wall thickness was not maintained. The nominal wall thickness was 0.688 and the code minimum thickness was 0.535". The minimum wall thickness measured was 0.378". Because GSU discovered this deviation prior to installation there was no operational impact. However, due to the gross reduction in wall thickness a substartial safety hazard could have been created had this defect remained uncorrected because the specified location is the first elbow off of reactor pressure vessel feedwater nozzle N4A, an unisolable portion of the reactor coolant pressure boundary.

5. The date on which the information of the defect or failure to comply was obtained:

A condition report (CR) was issued indentifying the minimum wall violations on June 5, 1992. GSU's evaluation of the condition per 10CFR21 determined the condition to be reportable on June 18, 1992.

6. In the case of a basic component which contains a defect or fails to comply, the number and location of all the components in use at, supplied for, or being supplied for one or more facilities or activities subject to the regulations of 10CFR21:

The affected basic component is the forged elbow, Connex sketch E-8634-1, supplied to GSU as a one-time replacement part.

7. The corrective action which has been, or will be taken; the name of the individual or organization responsible for the action; and the length of time that has been or will be taken to complete the action:

GSU returned the forged elbow to the supplier. The component was reworked to ASME III, NB-4130 and returned to GSU.

8. Any advice related to the defect or failure to comply about the facility, activity, or basic component that has been, is being, or will be given to purchasers or licensees:

Not applicable.

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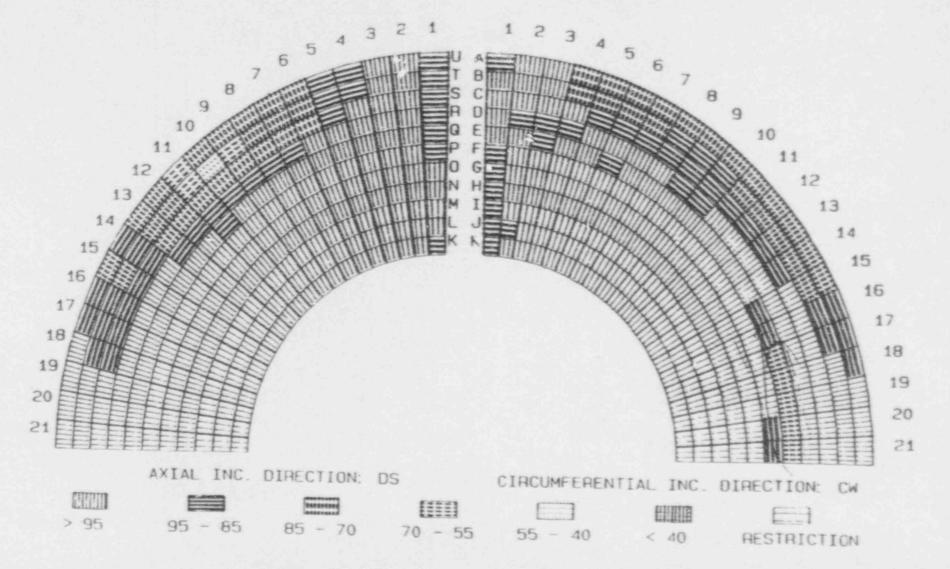
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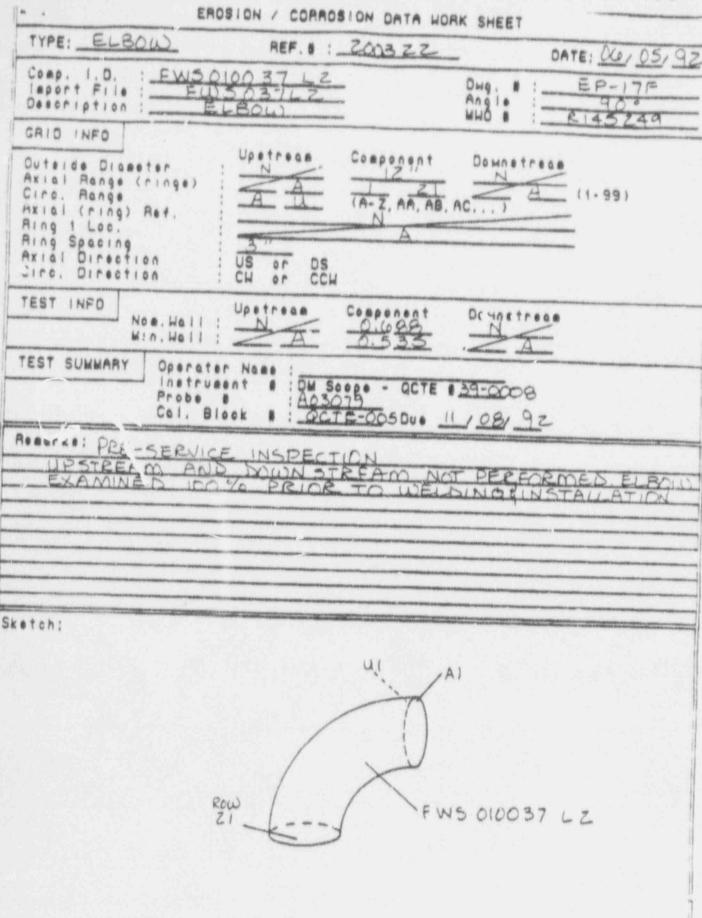
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