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In Reply Refer To:
Docket: 50-458/84-40

Gulf States Utilities
ATTN: William J. Cahill, Jr.
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Gentlemen:

This forwards the report of the Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Board for the River Bend Station. The SALP Board met on February 5, 1985, to evaluate the performance of the River Bend facility for the period August 1, 1983, through December 31, 1984. The performance analyses and resulting evaluations are documented in the enclosed SALP Board Report.

The performance of your facility was evaluated in the selected functional areas identified in Section IV of the enclosed SALP Board Report.

The overall performance of Gulf States Utilities at the River Bend Station indicates a high level of dedication to nuclear safety as well as a high degree of technical competence in diverse areas essential to the safe construction, testing, and operation of the facility. The ability of management to identify problem areas and to respond to these with effective measures is commendable. Continued strong and aggressive management control is appropriate as your activities change from principally construction-related to operations.

It is of significant merit that the facility received Category 1 ratings in the functional areas of Containment and Other Safety-Related Structures, Corrective Action and Reporting, and Management Control. It is noted that in only one functional area did the rating decrease; this was in the functional area of Design Control, which was appraised in performance category 2 during this SALP period.

Unless you specifically request it, a management meeting will not be scheduled for this reporting period. Any request for a management meeting should be made in writing within 10 days of receipt of this report.

Any comments which you may have regarding our evaluation of the performance of your facility should be submitted to this office within 30 days of the date of issue of this SALP Board Report. Your comments, if submitted, and our disposition of them, will be issued as appendices to the SALP Board Report.

Comments which you may submit are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act, PL 96-511.

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

Sincerely,

for Original Signed By
Paul S. Check

Robert D. Martin
Regional Administrator

Enclosure:

Appendix - SALP Board Report 50-458/85-40

with:

Attachment 1: Design Control
Input from IE

Attachment 2: Licensing Input
From NRR

cc w/enclosure:

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