



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV

611 RYAN PLAZA DRIVE, SUITE 400
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SEP 18 1992

Docket: 50-458
License: NPF-47

Gulf States Utilities
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-458/92-22 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. L. E. Ellershaw, R. C. Stewart, T. F. Westerman, and Ms. P. A. Goldberg of this office on June 15 through July 22, 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 you and those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report. Additional information was discussed with Mr. L. England and other staff members on July 17, 1992, and with Mr. D. Lorfing and staff members on July 22, 1992.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selected examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

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 violation is of concern because the failure to initiate required condition reports for surveillance test failures resulted in applicable assessments of equipment operability not being performed. The Refueling Outage 2 examples are of particular significance, since your plant is analyzed for only one automatic depressurization system relief valve to be inoperative under small break LOCA conditions.

It was also identified that an evaluation was not performed concerning the need to reorient check valves to the manufacturer's recommended position after the occurrence of leak rate test failures, which was in violation of Criterion XVI of Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 50. However, based on the subsequent determination that check valve orientation was not safety significant, and the information provided in a telephone discussion with Mr. Lorfing on July 22, 1992, we consider this an isolated occurrence. Therefore, this violation meets the criteria specified in 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C, Section VII.B.1 of the Enforcement Policy for a noncited violation and no enforcement action will be taken.

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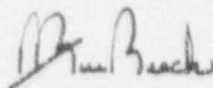
You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this 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.

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
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