

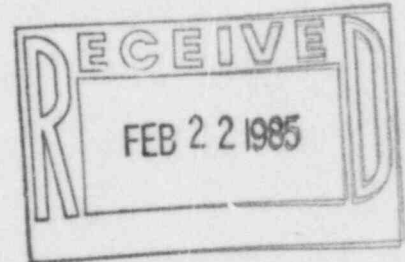


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Mr. Robert D. Martin, Regional Administrator
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV, Office of Inspection and Enforcement
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Dear Mr. Martin:

River Bend Station Unit 1
Docket No. 50-458
Final Report/DR-245

Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU) has completed its evaluation of DR-245 concerning incomplete weld joints between three CRD hydraulic lines (two insert and one withdrawal) and the CRD housing flange as part of the Reactor Pressure Vessel supplied by General Electric Company. The structural integrity of the insert and withdrawal lines would be maintained since the weld defect would not have grown beyond the critical defect size. A leak at this junction is considered outside the reactor coolant pressure boundary. The leakage is within the reactor coolant makeup capabilities and would not prevent the operation of the drives. GSU has therefore determined this condition is not reportable under 10CFR50.55(e). The welds were repaired in accordance with Nonconformance and Disposition Report No. 7459.

Sincerely,

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