



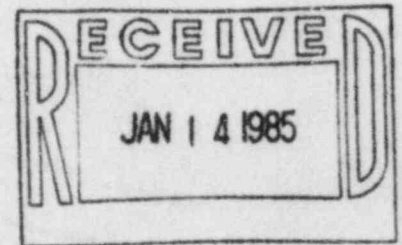
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Mr. Robert D. Martin, Regional Administrator
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV, Office of Inspection and Enforcement
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000
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Dear Mr. Martin:

River Bend Station Unit 1
Docket No. 50-458
Final Report/DR-173

Gulf States Utilities Company has completed its evaluation of DR-173 concerning the shop radiographs for welds on the main steam pipe elbows supplied by General Electric Company. The welds were re-radiographed after the weld ripple had been ground, and a review of the new radiographs revealed no discrepancy in the film. GSU has therefore determined this condition does not meet the reporting requirements of 10CFR50.55(e).

Sincerely,

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