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Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter of December 15, 1987, in response to our letter and Notice of Deviation dated September 19, 1986 and letter and Notice of Violation dated August 13, 1987. We have reviewed your reply and find it responsive to the concerns raised in our Notice of Deviation and Notice of Violation. We will review the implementation of your corrective actions during a future inspection to determine that full compliance has been achieved and will be maintained.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By L. J. Callan

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This letter provides supplemental information to Gulf States Utilities Company's (GSU) responses to Notice of Deviation 8622-02, dated September 19, 1986 and Notice of Violation 8716-01, dated September 15, 1987. The previous correspondence stated that the sample collection system on the radwaste sludge tank would be installed, tested and operated. The latter correspondence stated that the sample collection system had been installed and tested but that numerous problems had been encountered in operating the waste sludge tank.

GSU has reviewed the waste sludge tank system and has determined that the operation of the system should be deferred. The system is presently being bypassed and all solid waste is pumped directly to the vendor's solidification unit where it is sampled and analyzed prior to solidification. This operational configuration will be continued until the waste sludge tank is actually needed (i.e. waste evaporators put into service). The Safety Analysis Report has been revised to reflect this alternate configuration.

Sincerely,

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