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In Reply Refer To:
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EA 88-249

Gulf States Utilities
ATTN: Mr. James C. Deddens
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. E. J. Ford and W. B. Jones of this office during the period August 29 through September 15, 1988, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License NPF-47 for River Bend Station, and to the discussion of our findings with you and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The area examined during the inspection was a followup on your staff's finding that both divisions of the fuel building ventilation charcoal filtration system was placed in an inoperable condition. This system is required to be operable by the River Bend Station Technical Specifications. Within this area, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the NRC inspectors. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

As a result of this inspection, it was found that certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements. As discussed in the telephone conversation on September 26, 1988, between Messrs. G. L. Constable and L. A. England of your staff, an enforcement conference will be scheduled in our Region IV office, to discuss your understanding of these apparent violations, the reasons for occurrences, and your corrective actions. We will also discuss the enforcement policy, if appropriate.

The NRC staff is particularly concerned with this event because it appears that the corrective actions from a similar event 2 years earlier were not completed. Had these earlier corrective actions been completed, this event could have been avoided. In addition, your licensed operators should have identified that the heater switches were misaligned during control board walk downs.

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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L. J. Callan, Director
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - NRC Inspection Report
50-458/88-22
2. Appendix B - Meeting Agenda

cc w/enclosures:

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