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In Reply Refer To: Docket: 50-458-86-08

Gulf States Utilities ATTN: William J. Cahill, Jr. Senior Vice President River Bend Nuclear Group P. O. Box 2951 Beaumont, Texas 77704

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. D. D. Chamberlain, R. E. Farrell, and W. B. Jones of this office during the period February 1 through March 15, 1986, 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.

Areas examined during the inspection included startup test witnessing, startup test results evaluation, startup test program quality assurance review, operational safety verification, safety system walkdown, emergency drill, and site tours. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors. These findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

During this inspection, it was found that certain of your activities were in violation of NRC requirements. Consequently, you are required to respond to these violations, in writing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Your response should be based on the specifics contained in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter.

The response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed By Ramon E. Hall

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J. E. Gagliardo, Chief Reactor Projects Branch

Enclosures: (see next page)

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Enclosures: 1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation 2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report 50-458/86-08

cc w/enclosures: Gulf States Utilities ATTN: J. E. Booker, Manager-Engineering, Nuclear Fuels & Licensing P. O. Box 2951 Beaumont, Texas 77704

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