

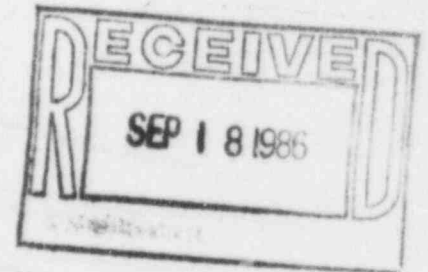


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Mr. Robert D. Martin, Regional Administrator
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV
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Dear Mr. Martin:

River Bend Station - Unit 1
Refer to: Region IV
Docket No. 50-458/Report 86-25

This letter is in response to the Notice of Violation contained in NRC Inspection Report No. 50-458/86-25. The inspection was performed by Mr. J. B. Baird during the period July 21 through July 25, 1986, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License NPF-47 for River Bend Station Unit No. 1.

Gulf States Utilities Company's (GSU) response to the Notice of Violation 8625-01 and to deficiencies 8625-02 and 8625-03 is provided in the enclosed attachments. This completes GSU's response to the Notice of Violation.

Sincerely,

W. J. Cahill, Jr.
Senior Vice President
River Bend Nuclear Group

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Attachments

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ATTACHMENT 1

Response to Notice of Violation 50-458/8625-01
Level V

FAILURE TO FOLLOW PROCEDURES

REFERENCE

Notice of Violation: Letter to W. J. Cahill, Jr. from J. E. Gagliardo dated August 14, 1986.

REASON FOR THE VIOLATION

During the inspection performed on emergency notification and communications, the NRC inspector identified that listings of newly hired and terminating employees at the River Bend Station had not been received and reviewed on a daily basis for the purpose of updating the emergency telephone numbers book, nor had the list of offsite agencies backup telephone numbers been reviewed for accuracy on a quarterly basis.

Due to manpower availability and priority given to other areas in Emergency Planning, the commitment for updating the emergency telephone book was neglected.

CORRECTIVE STEPS WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE RESULTS ACHIEVED

The commitments for daily updating emergency phone lists have been considered too restrictive based on operational experience to routinely be accomplished as stated in Emergency Implementing Procedure, EIP-2-104, "Maintenance of Emergency Telephone Numbers" (Rev. 1). At the time of the inspection, revision 2 of this procedure had been developed in which the requirement for a "daily" review of personnel lists that could affect the emergency telephone book had been deleted. Revision 2 to EIP-2-104 has since been approved and is now in effect.

In the next revision of EIP-2-104, Section 4.1.2 will be changed to include "offsite agencies". An additional attachment containing a list of the offsite agencies will be incorporated into the procedure to provide a mechanism for documenting the verification process.

CORRECTIVE STEPS WHICH WILL BE TAKEN TO AVOID FURTHER VIOLATIONS

The above mentioned corrective steps should be sufficient to make the review process operational and provide a means of documentation. Furthermore, the departmental supervisor of newly hired personnel must identify these individuals to the training department for completion of training requirements prior to assignment in the emergency response organization. Upon

ATTACHMENT 1 (cont'd.)

completion of the necessary training, these individuals will be identified to the Supervisor-Emergency Planning, and the necessary telephone numbers will be obtained and updates to the Emergency Telephone Book will be made at that time. In the case of terminating personnel, the Emergency Planning Department is notified of all terminating employees. Updating of emergency telephone lists relative to terminating personnel will be done at the time of notification.

DATE WHEN FULL COMPLIANCE WILL BE ACHIEVED

Revision 3 to EIP-2-104 will be completed by October 15, 1986 such that full compliance with the requirements of 10CFR50.54q and 10CFR50.47(b) will be met.

Revision 2 of EIP-2-104 deleting the "daily" review requirements of personnel lists was approved and became effective on August 4, 1986.

ATTACHMENT 2

Response to Deficiencies 50-458/8625-02 & 03

REFERENCE

Letter to W. J. Cahill, Jr. from J. E. Gagliardo dated August 14, 1986.

DEFICIENCY 8625-02

Dose assessment programmable calculators in the control room and Emergency Operating Facility (EOF) were not maintained in an operable condition.

GULF STATES UTILITIES COMPANY'S RESPONSE

Additional dose assessment calculators and battery chargers have been supplied for use in the Control Room and in the EOF. Additionally, labels have been attached to the calculators and storage boxes that remind users to turn the calculator's printer off prior to storing it. The calculators are now being checked for operability on a monthly basis. Per recommendations identified in the inspection report, approved surveillance procedures for equipment located in the emergency response facilities are currently being developed and will include a monthly operability check of the dose assessment calculators. These procedures will be completed by November 15, 1986.

DEFICIENCY 8625-03

Proficiency for performing backup manual dose assessment calculations in the control room was not demonstrated to be adequate.

GULF STATES UTILITIES COMPANY'S RESPONSE

As part of the operations department's re-qualification program, a change has been implemented such that the Control Operating Foreman receives instruction on the manual method of dose calculations every seven (7) weeks.