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In Reply Refer To:
Docket: 50-458/86-30

Gulf States Utilities
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Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter of December 22, 1986, in response to our letter and Notice of Violation dated November 12, 1986. We have reviewed your reply and find it responsive to the concerns raised in our 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
J. E. Gagliardo

J. E. Gagliardo, Chief
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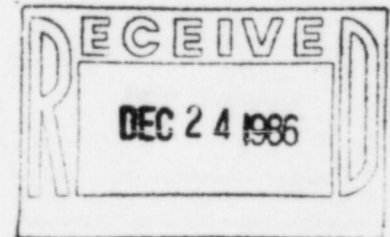


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Mr. Robert D. Martin, Regional Administrator
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Region IV
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Dear Mr. Martin:

River Bend Station - Unit 1
Refer to: Region IV
Docket No. 50-458/Report 86-30

This letter responds to the Notice of Violation contained in NRC I&E Inspection Report No. 50-458/86-30. The inspection was performed by Mr. M. E. Murphy during the period September 22-26, 1986 of activities authorized by NRC Operating License NPF-47 for River Bend Station - Unit 1.

Gulf States Utilities Company's (GSU) response to Notice of Violation 86-30, "Failure to Identify an Inoperable Fire Door and Establish the Required Fire Watch", is provided in the enclosed attachment at this time as per telephone conversations with your staff. This completes GSU's response to the Notice of Violation.

Sincerely,

W. J. Cahill, Jr.

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Senior Vice President
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PARISH OF WEST FELICIANA	\$	
In the Matter of	\$	Docket Nos. 50-458
GULF STATES UTILITIES COMPANY	\$	

My Commission is for Life.

ATTACHMENT

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION 50-458/8630-01
LEVEL IV

REFERENCE

Notice of Violation - J. E. Gagliardo letter to W. J. Cahill, Jr. dated November 12, 1986.

FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AN INOPERABLE FIRE DOOR AND ESTABLISH THE REQUIRED FIRE WATCH

Technical Specification Surveillance Requirement 4.7.7.2 requires, in part, that fire doors shall be verified operable by inspecting the closing mechanism and latches and by verifying at least once per 24 hours that each unlocked fire door without electrical supervision is closed.

Technical Specification Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) 3.7.7 requires, in part, that all fire barrier assemblies shall be operable and identifies fire doors as fire barrier assemblies. The action statement for this LCO requires the establishment of a continuous fire watch within 1 hour or verify the operability of fire detectors on at least one side of the inoperable assembly and establish an hourly fire watch patrol.

Contrary to the above, fire door CB-116-23 was found to be inoperable on September 24, 1986, due to the absence of a lock mechanism, and with the closing and latching mechanisms disabled. This condition had not been identified or reported during the daily fire door position check of procedure STP-000-3001 from June through September 1986; thus, the required fire watch had not been provided.

REASON FOR THE VIOLATION

During a revision of the security program to utilize the vital island concept (as opposed to vital areas) the door in question (CB-116-23) was downgraded from a security door to a free access door. This revision was made prior to implementation of the current design control program, and did not consider other design requirements for this door.

Also, Surveillance Test Procedures (STP's) by which this door was verified operable were determined to be insufficient. While the door was verified to be closed, the STP's did not require an inspection of the latches and closing mechanisms.

ATTACHMENT (cont'd.)

CORRECTIVE STEPS WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE RESULTS ACHIEVED

Upon identification of this concern, the actions required by Technical Specification Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) 3.7.7 were implemented. Investigation into this condition determined that operable fire detection existed on at least one side of the fire barrier and that an hourly fire watch patrol had been previously implemented on March 19, 1986 for this area by LCO 86-235.

STP-000-3001, "Daily Fire Door Position Check" has been revised to clarify the acceptance criteria for normally closed fire doors to include a check of latches and closing mechanisms.

CORRECTIVE STEPS WHICH WERE TAKEN TO PREVENT RECURRENCE

Following the clarification to STP-000-3001, the subsequent performance of the STP identified several additional doors with inadequate latching mechanisms. Fire watches were implemented in each case as required by the Technical Specification.

A review was conducted of each door which was similarly downgraded as CB-116-23 was from a security door to a free access door. This review was to determine if the downgrading may have affected other design requirements for the door. Additional doors were determined to have had their fire barrier design requirements affected in violation of the Technical Specifications. Fire watches will remain in effect for each of these doors until appropriate modifications are completed to return them to a configuration which meets the fire barrier design requirements.

DATE WHEN FULL COMPLIANCE WILL BE ACHIEVED

River Bend Station has been in compliance since establishment of the fire watches in accordance with the Technical Specifications.