

APPENDIX A
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Gulf States Utilities
River Bend Station

Docket: 50-458
License: NPF-47

During an NRC inspection conducted on May 1-31, 1989, two violations of NRC requirements were identified. The violations involved a failure to provide adequate procedures for control of a special process and failure to provide adequate training to control the special process. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1988), the violations are listed below:

A. Failure to Provide Adequate Procedures for Control of a Special Process

River Bend Station Technical Specification 6.8.1.a requires that procedures be established, implemented, and maintained covering the activities recommended in Appendix A of Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 2, February 1978.

Appendix A of Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 2, February 1978, Paragraph 9, requires that maintenance activities that can affect the performance of safety-related equipment and that require skills not normally possessed by qualified maintenance personnel be properly preplanned and performed in accordance with detailed procedures.

Contrary to the above, Corrective Maintenance Procedure (CMP)-9186, Revision 4, "Freeze Seal," did not require the use of a temperature detecting device in the sleeve of the freeze seal chamber to monitor the integrity of the freeze seal, and the procedure did not prohibit supplying more than one freeze seal from the same nitrogen bottle. These procedural inadequacies contributed to the loss of freeze seal event on a 6-inch service water line on April 19, 1989.

This is a Severity Level IV violation. (Supplement I) (458/8924-01)

B. Failure to Provide Adequate Training to Control a Special Process

10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion IX, "Control of Special Process," requires, in part, that measures be established to ensure that special processes are controlled and accomplished by qualified personnel using qualified procedures in accordance with applicable codes, standards, specifications, criteria, and other special requirements.

The licensee's Quality Assurance Directive (QAD)-9, "Control of Special Processes," Revision 4, paragraph 4.4, requires that special processes be performed by personnel, equipment, and procedures that have been qualified and certified in accordance with applicable codes, standards, specifications, approved QA program, or other special requirements.

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Contrary to the above, the individuals performing the freeze seal on April 19, 1989, to isolate Service Water System Valves 1SWP*524 and 1SWP*525, had not been certified to perform the activity through any special requirement other than observation of previous freeze seal activities.

This is a Severity Level IV violation. (Supplement I) (458/8924-02)

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Gulf States Utilities is hereby required to submit to this office, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice, a written statement or explanation in reply, including for each violation: (1) the reason for the violations if admitted, (2) the corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Dated at Arlington, Texas,
this *30th* day of *June* 1989