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In Reply Refer To:
Docket: 50-458/89-30

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

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. J. Kelly of this office during the period June 19-23, 1989, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License NPF-47 for River Bend Station, and to the discussion of our findings with you and members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection covered certain areas of your physical security program. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector. The areas inspected and the inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

During this inspection, it was found that one of your activities was in violation of NRC requirements. This violation occurred when a security officer serving a compensatory post of access control at a vital area barrier portal became inattentive. Although the Enforcement Policy allows for discretion on citing this type of licensee identified and reported violation, this violation is being cited because it directly resulted from supervision's denial of a valid request for relief from the security officer. Consequently, you are required to respond to this violation, 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.

We are also concerned about the firearms qualification certification process for the security staff. The inspector could not ascertain from records which security officer firing attempts were for qualification certification and which were for practice. Consequently, this is an unresolved item, and you are requested to respond, in writing, to this concern within 30 days of the receipt of this letter. This concern is discussed in paragraph 4 of the enclosed inspection report.

We have also examined actions you have taken with respect to previously identified inspection findings. The status of these items is identified in paragraph 2 of the enclosed report.

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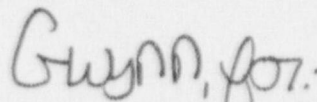
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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



James L. Milhoan, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report
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