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Point Beach Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2
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License Nos. DPR-24 and DPR 27
Component Cooling Water System Issues

Reference: 1) Letter from Wisconsin Electric Power Company to Document Control Desk, "Component Cooling Water System Issues Update", dated July 7, 1997 (NPL 97-0401).

2) NRC Inspection Report 50-266/02-09(DRS); 50-301/02-09(DRS) dated September 23, 2002

During the month of September 2003, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) conducted portions of an Inspection Procedure (IP95003) at the Point Beach Nuclear Plant (PBNP). This inspection was initiated by the NRC in response to the identification by the licensee of a regulatory oversight process (ROP) red finding associated with the PBNP auxiliary feedwater system. The inspection was conducted from September 8 to October 3, 2003, and consisted of an in-depth examination of engineering, operations and maintenance issues and activities associated with three PBNP safety-related systems. One of those systems was the component cooling water (CCW) system.

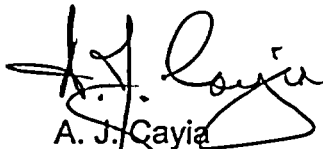
As part of the preparations for this inspection, a summary was prepared of the design and licensing bases for the CCW system. The summary included identification of significant changes to these bases since initial plant licensing. Among these changes was the upgrade of the CCW system to safety-related status. During the preparation of this summary, NMC identified correspondence between the licensee and the NRC, including Reference 1, that discussed our schedule and commitments for this CCW upgrade.

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Reference 1 provided an update on CCW issues and identified two items that remained for completing the CCW system upgrade. Item 1 was to determine the components necessary to support safety-related functions of the CCW system and Item 2 was a commitment to verify that the safety-related components identified in Item 1 are adequately protected from masonry block wall structures and non-seismic equipment interactions during a seismic event. The letter also stated that the NRC would be informed of our findings and a schedule for resolution of any deficiencies, if appropriate.

Although both of these items have both been completed and documented in our corrective action program, the review of docketed correspondence while preparing for the IP95003 inspection indicates that NMC may not have informed the NRC of completion of these issues. Accordingly, this letter provides notification that the actions associated with these two items and the upgrade of the CCW system to safety-related was completed in 2001.

Subsequent to completion of the upgrade, the CCW system was included in the safety system design and performance capability inspection conducted by the NRC in July and August 2002 (Reference 2). That inspection focused on the design and performance capability of the CCW (and two other systems) to ensure that the system was capable of performing its required safety-related functions. There were no findings or observations concerning the CCW system identified in that inspection.



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