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November 15, 1995

Mr. Robert Link, Vice President
Nuclear Power
Wisconsin Electric Power Company
231 West Michigan Street - P379
Milwaukee, WI 53201

Dear Mr. Link:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Messrs. T. Kobetz and A. McMurtray of this office, from August 12, 1995 through October 3, 1995, of activities at the Point Beach Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2. Our findings were discussed with Mr. G. J. Maxfield and other members of his staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations.

Operations personnel maintained a high level of proficiency and some improvements were noted in radiological controls. However, concerns were noted in engineering, maintenance and security. Of particular concern was the lack of timeliness the engineering staff exhibited in resolving an issue concerning the operability of Unit 1 containment accident fan coolers, 1HX-15D. The operability evaluation for 1HX-15D appears to use non-conservative data. Therefore it is requested that you submit a formal written evaluation and corrective actions to the NRC discussing the operability issues noted in Section 3.2, of the attached report.

Also of concern this inspection period was a lack of procedure guidance and weak security management overview that resulted in a failure to implement compensatory measures for two inactive intrusion alarm zones. In addition, weak attention to detail resulted in several inadequate package searches resulting in a violation of NRC requirements. This violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation and the circumstances surrounding it are described in detail in the attached inspection report.

The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reason for the violation, the corrective actions taken and planned to correct the violation and prevent recurrence has already been adequately addressed and documented in the attached inspection report. However, you are required to respond to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201 if the description therein does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position. In that case, or if you choose to respond and provide additional information, you should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice.

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The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Public Law No. 96.11.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection. Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by M. J. Farber

Martin J. Farber, Chief,
Reactor Projects Branch 6

Docket Nos. 50-266; 50-301; 72-005

Enclosures: 1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Reports
No. 50-266/95011(DRP);
No. 50-301/95011(DRP)

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