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May 16, 1974

Mr. John F. O'Leary, Director
Directorate of Licensing
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C. 20545

Dear Mr. O'Leary:

DOCKET NOS. 50-266 AND 50-301
POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT
OPERATIONS GROUP SHIFT MAKEUP BELOW
MINIMUM (NOMINAL) NUMBERS FOR A BRIEF PERIOD

The Point Beach Nuclear Plant Technical Specifications do not specify the following event as reportable as an abnormal occurrence under Section 15.1.a, nor is it described as reportable under Section 15.6.6.3, which specifies thirty day reporting requirements. The report is therefore being filed for informational purposes.

The event in question involves a subject which has been a matter of recent correspondence and discussion between the AEC and Wisconsin Electric Power Company, namely, the maintaining of the nominal size of the Point Beach operating group shift, now described as the minimum operating group shift (see Technical Specification Change No. 5, License No. DPR-24 and Change No. 9, License No. DPR-27) under emergency conditions.

On April 28, 1974, a Sunday, Unit 2 at Point Beach Nuclear Plant was at power operation. Unit 1 was in a refueling shutdown condition. Fuel was not being moved in Unit 1 at this time nor was any work activity in progress on this unit.

The operating shift at the time consisted of one Duty Shift Supervisor (SRO), one Operating Supervisor (SRO), two Control Operators (RO), and two Auxiliary Operators (unlicensed); a total of six persons.

At approximately 8:20 A.M. on the above date, the on-shift Operating Supervisor received an urgent telephone call regarding a seriously sick person in his immediate family.

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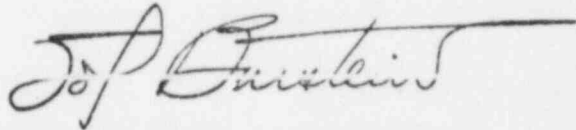
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The Shift Supervisor granted permission for the Operating Supervisor to leave the plant and immediately made arrangements for a replacement. The replacement, an Operations Group Technical Assistant and licensed senior operator, arrived on-site and took up the Operating Supervisor's duties at 9:15 A.M. The period of 55 minutes in which the position of Operating Supervisor was not filled poses a violation of the newly imposed Technical Specification Changes Nos. 5 and 9.

In reviewing this informational report, we believe it pertinent that you refer to our letter of March 18, 1974, to Mr. D. J. Skovolt which describes the practical difficulties required to be met when abnormal or emergency staffing situations arise and our recommendation as to how best to meet such situations.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sol Burstein", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sol Burstein

Executive Vice President

cc: Mr. James G. Keppler, Regional Director
Directorate of Regulatory Operations, Region III