

October 18, 1996

Mr. Robert Link
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Milwaukee, WI 53201

SUBJECT: NRC RADIATION PROTECTION INSPECTION REPORTS NO. 50-266/96009(DRS);
50-301/96009(DRS) AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Link:

On September 25, 1996, the NRC completed an inspection at your Point Beach Nuclear Plant. The results of this inspection were discussed on September 25, 1996, with Mr. E. Lange of your staff. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

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

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The violation is of concern because radiation protection personnel did not adequately verify that no unauthorized personnel were present within an area that they posted as a high radiation area in anticipation of a spent resin transfer. Although corrective actions for previous high radiation area control problems would not have been expected to prevent this occurrence, it is of particular concern that high radiation area control problems continue at your facility. In addition to the specific corrective actions you plan to take for this violation, please include in your response to this letter the actions you plan to take to improve high radiation area controls in general at your facility.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosures and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without reduction.

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The response 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. 96.511.

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed by Brent Clayton (for)

Geoffrey E. Grant, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-266; 50-301
Licenses No. DPR-24; DPR-27

Enclosures: 1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Reports No.
50-266/96009(DRS);
50-301/96009(DRS)

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