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Bascom Hall  
Madison, WI 53706

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION 50-156/96001-01

Dear Mr. Torphy:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 2, 1996, in response to our letter dated September 23, 1996, transmitting a Notice of Violation associated with the oversight of your radiation protection program.

We will inspect the results of your corrective actions at a later date. No further information is required at this time.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by R. Caniano for

Cynthia D. Pederson, Director  
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

Docket No. 50-156  
License No. R-74

cc: V. Kanable, Chief, Boiler Section  
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October 2, 1996

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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RE: Response to Inspection, Docket No. 050-156/96001

Dear Sirs:

Reference Region III inspection results letter of 23 September, 1996.  
Attached is our reply to the violation noted.

If you have any questions pertaining to this information, please contact me  
or Ronald Bresell, the UW RSO.

Sincerely,



John Torphy  
Vice Chancellor for Administration

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III  
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## Reply to a Notice of Violation

License No. R-74

1. Technical Specifications 6.1.c. states, in part, that a University Health Physicist (UHP) shall conduct an inspection of the facility at least monthly to assure compliance with the regulations of 10 CFR 20.

Contrary to the above, on multiple occasions, the licensee failed to conduct monthly inspections of the facility. Specifically, the licensee failed to conduct monthly inspections in September, October, November, December 1995 and February, March, April, May 1996.

**Reason for the violation:** The root cause of this violation was a misunderstanding as a result of personnel changes. To save paper, the form used to record the monthly audit results was revised to allow the recording of two monthly audits per page. When the UHP conducting the audit was reassigned, the new UHP was unaware of the monthly requirement and used the form as printed.

**Corrective steps that have been taken and results achieved:** To correct this and to insure against further such incidents, the inspection activity has been added to the monthly surveillance requirements on our UWNR 100 procedure. Safety reviewed the reactor license, technical specifications, and daily operations and revised the monthly audit checklist, conducting the first revised audit on 30 September, 1996.

**Corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations:** To correct this and to reduce the risk of similar problems, upon conducting the UWNR 100, operations personnel will alert Safety if an audit has not been completed and the month is drawing to a close.

**Date of full compliance:** Corrective actions have been completed by 30 September, 1996.