

February 24, 1997

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K. P. Powers, Plant General Manager
Big Rock Point Nuclear Plant
Consumers Power Company
10269 US 31 North
Charlevoix, MI 49720

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-155/96012(DRP)

Dear Mr. Powers:

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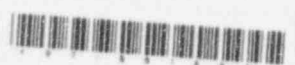
During the 7-week period covered by this inspection, operations, maintenance, and engineering activities were normally performed satisfactorily. Based on the results of this inspection, one violation of NRC requirements was identified. The first example of the violation involves two events caused by an inappropriate surveillance procedure resulting in a 400 gallon leak of primary coolant and the lifting of a relief valve because a blank flange was not removed. The second example of the violation involved a maintenance procedure that was inappropriate because it failed to provide adequate acceptance criteria for the re-assembly of a containment isolation valve.

In addition to the violation, a concern was identified regarding maintenance and care of the Standby Diesel Generator. This event was of concern to us because no action was taken to correct several conditions adverse to quality, the buildup of ice and depletion of the battery used to start the Standby Diesel Generator, for a prolonged period.

The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation, and the circumstances surrounding the violation are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosures, and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

Sincerely,

John A. Grobe for

James L. Caldwell, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

Docket No. 50-155
License No. DPR-6

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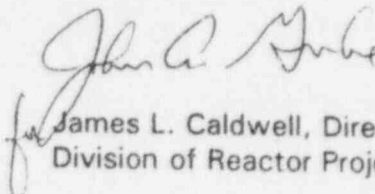
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