

June 28, 2002
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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Nuclear Management Company, LLC (EA-02-031)
(Point Beach)
Docket No. 50-301
50-266

Subject: ISSUANCE OF FINAL SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINATION AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

This is to inform the Commission that a RED Significance Determination Process (SDP) finding and associated Notice of Violation will be issued on or around July 3, 2002, to Nuclear Management Company, LLC, as a result of inspections at the Point Beach Nuclear Plant. This RED finding, an issue with high importance to safety, which may require additional NRC inspections and other NRC actions, involved the common mode failure of the auxiliary feedwater (AFW) pumps with a loss of instrument air. The AFW minimum flow recirculation valves fail closed with loss of instrument air, resulting in loss of the flow path for the AFW pumps. The failure of the licensee to have emergency procedures to address the design deficiency and the failure to promptly identify and correct a significant condition adverse to quality were identified as violations of 10CFR50, Appendix B, Criteria V, "Instructions, Procedures, and Drawings," and XVI, "Corrective Action." Based on Manual Chapter 0305-06.06, given the age of this issue, that it was corrected, not likely to be identified by routine licensee efforts, and the fact that it does not reflect a current performance deficiency in the licensee's program, further inspection will be limited to those corrective actions not previously inspected.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of this action. The schedule of issuance and notification are:

Mailing of Notice of Violation July 3, 2002
Telephone Notification of licensee July 3, 2002

The State of Wisconsin will be notified.

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