

February 4, 2003

EA-02-204

Mr. T. Coutu
Site Vice President
Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant
N490 Hwy 42
Kewaunee, WI 54216

SUBJECT: KEWAUNEE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
REPLY TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION DATED JANUARY 2, 2003, NRC
INSPECTION REPORT 50-305/02-06(DRS), AND NOTIFICATION
OF AN NRC SUPPLEMENTAL INSPECTION, NRC INSPECTION
REPORT 50-305/03-03(DRS)

Dear Mr. Coutu:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter dated January 2, 2003, in response to our letter dated December 2, 2003, transmitting a Notice of Violation associated with a White finding involving the lack of a fixed fire suppression system for fire area TU-95B. We have reviewed the corrective actions described in your letter. The corrective actions described appear to be adequate and we have no further questions at this time.

To review the adequacy of your corrective actions in greater depth, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Region III staff will conduct a supplemental inspection at the Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant, March 3 through 7, 2003. The inspection will be conducted by a reactor engineer from the NRC Region III Office. The inspection will be conducted in accordance with IP 95001, the NRC's supplemental inspection procedure for one or two White findings in a strategic performance area.

We request that during the on-site inspection week you ensure that all applicable information regarding this finding be readily accessible. Your cooperation and support during this inspection will be appreciated. If you have questions concerning this inspection, please contact the inspector conducting this inspection, Mr. Robert C. Daley, at (630) 829-9749 or myself at (630) 829-9751.

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Sincerely,

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cc: D. Graham, Director, Bureau of Field Operations
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