

September 1, 2005

CAL 3-04-001

Mr. Dennis L. Koehl  
Site Vice President  
Point Beach Nuclear Plant  
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SUBJECT: PUBLIC MEETING ON AUGUST 25, 2005, TO DISCUSS LICENSEE  
PROGRESS IN ADDRESSING CONFIRMATORY ACTION LETTER  
COMMITMENTS AT THE POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT

Dear Mr. Koehl:

This letter refers to the public meeting conducted on August 25, 2005, in Two Creeks, Wisconsin. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss, in detail, your progress in meeting the commitments made by the Nuclear Management Company (NMC), as documented in the Confirmatory Action Letter (CAL), dated April 21, 2004.

At the meeting, Mr. Mark Satorius, during his opening remarks, indicated to you that the NRC was satisfied with the progress that you had made in the Emergency Preparedness and Engineering/Operations Interface CAL areas of regulatory concern and that the NRC plans on conducting only baseline inspections in those areas going forward.

Several NMC representatives provided a detailed overview of results, progress, and challenges in the corrective action program and engineering areas of regulatory concern and with the human performance area of regulatory concern as it related to those two areas.

For the corrective action program (CAP), you and your staff described the effectiveness and challenges of the implementation over the past year of the CAP owner, CAP coach, and Department Roll Up Meeting processes. In the engineering area, you and your staff discussed the learning opportunities from the recent extended discussions with the NRC on the Unit 2 reactor vessel head drop licensing action and a question from a recent inspection regarding the susceptibility of a section of the common recirculation line for the auxiliary feedwater pumps to crimping or blockage during certain accident scenarios. Additional topics of discussions included a progress update on a longstanding issue to resolve "bolted" faults in the plant's safety-related electrical distribution systems; efforts taken by engineering and operations to reduce operator burdens, the site's effective implementation of the Operational Decision Making Index Process, improved quality of pre-job briefs, prompt and final operability determinations, and calculations provided by vendors; and the improved reliability of station equipment.

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Mr. Satorius of the NRC concluded the meeting with an acknowledgment of the information provided by you, Mr. Doug Cooper, and other NMC representatives. Mr. Satorius emphasized the importance of the upcoming expanded Problem Identification and Resolution team inspection and successful completion of the Unit 1 refueling outage and reactor vessel head replacement in providing evidence of the sustainability of the actions taken by Point Beach in the corrective action program and engineering areas.

A listing of principal NMC and NRC meeting attendees and a copy of the handout provided by NMC at the meeting are enclosed as Enclosures 1 and 2, respectively, to this letter.

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If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact me at (630) 829-9627.

Sincerely,

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Patrick L. Loudon, Chief  
Branch 5  
Division of Reactor Projects

Docket Nos. 50-266; 50-301  
License Nos. DPR-24; DPR-27

- Enclosures: 1. List of Principal Attendees
- 2. Licensee Presentation Slides

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**PUBLIC MEETING PRINCIPAL ATTENDEES**  
**August 25, 2005**

NMC

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Dennis Koehl	Site Vice-President
Jim McCarthy	Director Site Operations
Mike Lorek	Plant Manager
Jim Schweitzer	Site Engineering Director
Guy Packard	Operations Manager
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NRC

Mark Satorius	Director, Division of Reactor Projects
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