

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Wisconsin Public Service Corporation
Kewaunee Nuclear Plant

Docket No. 50-305
License No. DPR-43

During an NRC inspection conducted July 6-10, 1998, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violation is listed below:

Technical Specification 6.11, Radiation Protection Program, requires, in part, that procedures for personnel radiation protection be prepared consistent with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 20 and be approved, maintained and adhered to for all operations involving personnel radiation exposure.

10 CFR Part 20.1101(a), requires, in part, that the licensee develop, document and implement a radiation protection program sufficient to ensure compliance with the provisions of this part.

Nuclear Administrative Directive 8.3, "Radiation Work Permit," a procedure that documents and implements the radiation protection program and the requirements of Part 20, requires, in part, that personnel performing work read and understand the radiological controls stated on the radiation work permit (RWP). Each person working under the RWP shall initial the RWP prior to first entry into the radiologically controlled area, signifying understanding of the work controls, requirements and precautions.

Contrary to the above, between January 1 and June 24, 1998, several individuals that performed work in a radiologically controlled area failed to initial the RWP prior to first entry into the area, signifying understanding of work controls, requirements and precautions.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement IV).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region III, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation or severity level, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a Demand for Information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

If you contest this enforcement action, you should also provide a copy of your response to the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

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Because your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), to the extent possible, it should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. If personal privacy or proprietary information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, then please provide a bracketed copy of your response that identifies the information that should be protected and a redacted copy of your response that deletes such information. If you request withholding of such material, you must specifically identify the portions of your response that you seek to have withheld and provide in detail the bases for your claim of withholding (e.g., explain why the disclosure of information will create an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or provide the information required by 10 CFR 2.790(b) to support a request for withholding confidential commercial or financial information). If safeguards information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, please provide the level of protection described in 10 CFR 73.21.

Dated at Lisle, Illinois
this 7th day of August 1998