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Mr. A. Schwencer, Chief
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Schwencer:

DOCKET NO. 50-266
POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 1

Last Friday afternoon, we called Mr. Trammell of your Staff concerning our desire to purge the Point Beach Nuclear Plant Unit 1 containment. We explained that this purge of approximately two hours duration would not be initiated until the reactor had been shut down and the primary system cooled down to 450°F with pressure less than 1,000 psi. This purge was necessary to facilitate maintenance during the weekend outage on Unit 1 in which reinforcement was added to the auxiliary feedwater piping connection to the main feedwater line.

We appreciate your prompt response to our request. As a result of your favorable decision on this matter, we were able to significantly reduce the inconvenience to personnel and reduce the man-rem exposure necessary to complete this task. We will promptly pursue the necessary review and/or modifications to the containment purge system so that further requests of this nature will not be necessary. Thank you for your efforts in this regard.

Very truly yours,

Executive Vice President

Sol Burstein

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