

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

July 3, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-79-209

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Facility: Wisconsin Electric Power Company, Point Beach Unit 2
Two Rivers, WI

Subject: RADIOGRAPHIC INDICATIONS IN STEAM GENERATOR NOZZLE-TO-
FEEDWATER LINE WELDS

Review of radiographic examinations of the steam generator (SG) nozzle-to-feedwater pipe welds revealed defined cracks in the "A" SG and indications in the "B" SG. The cracks (2) on the "A" SG are located at about the 11 o'clock position, about 1/2" from the weld on the pipe side and are about two inches and six inches long respectively. The licensee has decided to remove and replace the feedwater-to-nozzle transition pipe on both the "A" and "B" SG's. Region III inspectors are onsite reviewing radiographs and other licensee actions.

The plant was shutdown June 30, for the examination of the feedwater lines. The outage will be extended due to the replacement of the transition pipes. The licensee plans to radiograph other welds in the feedwater lines.

The licensee will make a news release.

The State of Wisconsin will be notified by Region III.

Region III was informed of the cracks on July 2, 1979 at 1:30 p.m.

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