PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Date: December 17, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-III-79-60A

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Facility: Wisconsin Electric Power Company
Point Beach 1 (Docket 50-266)
Two Creeks, WI

Subject: REACTOR SHUTDOWN BECAUSE OF STEAM GENERATOR LEAK

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Following a shutdown on 12/11/79 the licensee has completed S/G static head and 800 psi secondary to primary hydrostatic tests with the following results. Two leaking plugs were detected during static head test of Steam Generator "B". One had 1 (one) drip every 5 seconds, the other plug 1 (one) drip every 24 seconds. The hydro on Steam Generator "B" indicated one leaking tube, its leak rate at 800 psi was 1 (one) drip per second. The plugs did not show leakage during the 800 psi hydro. "A" Steam Generator had no leaks during static head test or hydro.

An inspector was dispatched on 12/14/79 to follow testing, repair and re-hydro of leaks in Steam Generator "B" in anticipation of the work being done over the weekend. However, late on 12/14/79 corporate management decided to perform the limited eddy-current test program, (950-1000 tubes per Steam Generator). This is not a Technical Specification or NRC Order requirement, but WEP management felt that in light of the fact the vendor manpower was available it would be prudent to do the program, for research purposes if nothing else, thus gaining more insight into the tube failure phenoma.

The plant will be down the remainder of the week. If everything progresses smoothly return to power is planned by Friday (12/21/79).
The State of Wisconsin is being informed.
An eddy-current testing specialist from Region III will perform follow-up inspection of the licensee's corrective actions.

Contact:

This information is current as of 10:00 a.m. on December 17, 1979.

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