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Mr. C. W. Fay, Vice President
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Dear Mr. Fay:

SUBJECT: INTERIM OPERABILITY CRITERIA FOR SAFETY-RELATED PIPING
AND ASSOCIATED SUPPORTS (TAC NOS. 74503 AND 74504)

In a letter dated August 8, 1989, Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO) submitted for NRC review and approval a document entitled "Criteria for Determining Justification for Continued Operation when Encountering Major Discrepancies in 'As-Built' Safety Related Piping" for the Point Beach Nuclear Plant. WEPCO further notes that these "criteria are the same as those previously submitted to the NRC by Northern States Power Company under Docket Nos. 50-282 and 50-306 for the Prairie Island Nuclear Plant."

According to WEPCO, the referenced criteria are based on the ASME Section III Appendix F values (1983 Edition through Winter 1985 Addenda) and are intended to assure the operability requirements of safety-related piping and associated supports if stresses are found to exceed allowables presented in the Point Beach Nuclear Plant Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR). The criteria permit operation for an interim period only. Corrective modifications, restoring the system to FSAR allowables, are to be made by the next refueling outage or sooner.

In your August 4, 1989, response to the Notice of Violation arising from inspection reports 50-266/89-004 and 50-301/89-004, WEPCO indicated that an operability evaluation was performed for each of the four integral welded attachments found to exceed B31.1 code allowables. The NRC requires licensees to make prompt operability determinations in those instances where degraded or non-conforming conditions are found to exist. We note that WEPCO has made such a determination and that appropriate nuclear industry experience was utilized in doing so. We have no objection to your operability determination.

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This completes our review relative to TAC Nos. 74503 and 74504.
If you have any questions, please contact me.

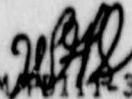
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
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