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Facility: Wisconsin Electric Power Company Point Beach Unit 2 Two Rivers, WI 54241	Licensee Emergency Classification: Unusual Event Alert Site Area Emergency General Emergency <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
Docket No. 50-301	

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Subject: TWO WORKERS BURNED IN STEAM RELEASE

At 9:50 a.m. (CST), December 11, 1989, two workers suffered steam burns to their upper bodies while performing maintenance on the Unit 2A heater drain pump discharge check valve. The workers were transported by ambulance to Two Rivers Community Hospital.

The check valve, which was suspected of leakage, had been isolated and the upstream portion vented to the atmosphere. The downstream portion of the line between the check valve and the isolation valve could not be vented. It was assumed that the suspected leakage would be sufficient to relieve system pressure from both sides of the valve. The steam was released as the workmen removed the check valve's bonnet.

The incident involved a secondary side system. There was no contamination or release of radioactivity, and the reactor, which was operating at 100 percent power, was not affected.

Region III (Chicago) is following the licensee's course of action. This information has been confirmed with a licensee management representative.

The State of Wisconsin will be notified. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has been notified.

The NRC Resident Inspector was on site when the event occurred. This information is current as of 3 p.m. (CST), December 11, 1989.

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