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Gentlemen:

This refers to the management meeting held by me and other NRC representatives with Mr. C. W. Fay and other representatives of Wisconsin Electric Power Company on June 23, 1982, to review the results of the NRC's assessment of the utility's regulatory performance at Point Beach Nuclear Plant in connection with NRC Manual Chapter 0516 - Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) covering the period November 1, 1980 through March 31, 1982.

A preliminary copy of the SALP Report was provided for your review in advance of our meeting. The final SALP Report including the SALP Board Chairman's letter to you and your written comments concerning the report is enclosed.

In addition to the assessments and recommendations made by the SALP Board contained in the enclosed SALP Report, I wish to give you my overall observations and assessment relative to the utility's regulatory performance during the assessment period:

1. With respect to the SALP ratings, the Regional SALP Board views the Category 2 rating as the rating which it anticipates most licensees will achieve. A Category 1 rating is given only for superior performance and there is reasonable expectation that it will continue. A Category 3 rating is given when the licensee's performance is considered minimally acceptable and identified weaknesses warrant special licensee management and NRC attention.

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- 2. In my view the overall regulatory performance of the Wisconsin Electric Power Company at the Point Beach Nuclear Plant was satisfactory during the SALP period. The licensee has continued to run an effective and reliable operation although there has been a discernable decline in the higher than average performance that had come to be expected of this utility.
- 3. In regard to the comments on the SALP Report provided in your letter of July 13, 1982, we respect your positions and perspective. We will consider them in future SALP evaluations.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the SALP Report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

No reply to this letter is required; however, should you have any questions concerning these matters, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

**"Original Signed by C.E. Norelius"**

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Enclosure: SALP Reports  
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No. 50-301/82-16

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