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Docket No. 50-266
Docket No. 50-301

Wisconsin Electric Power Company
ATTN: Mr. Sol Burstein
Executive Vice President
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231 West Michigan
Milwaukee, WI 53201

Gentlemen:

This refers to the special safety inspection conducted by Messrs. P. C. Lovendale and R. L. Hague of this office on May 3-4 and June 15, 1982, of activities at Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, authorized by NRC Operating Licenses No. DPR-24 and No. DPR-27, and an enforcement conference in the Region III office on June 23, 1982.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection, which was conducted to review events associated with an unauthorized entry into the Unit 1 containment while the unit was operating. The inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, independent measurements, and interviews with personnel.

The inspection showed that a worker unknowingly entered an operating unit containment and performed valve operations intended for the other unit, which was shutdown at the time. Accessible radiation levels in the operating containment exceeded 1000 millirem/hour. Your access controls for the operating containment were ineffective in preventing this occurrence. We consider this item to be particularly significant due to the potential for exceeding the quarterly personal exposure limits, even though the worker was not overexposed. As indicated in Supplement IV of

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the NRC Enforcement Policy, violations of this type are classified as Severity Level III and normally result in a civil penalty. After careful consideration of the factors involved in this specific instance, we have decided not to propose a civil penalty. However, further similar occurrences may lead to civil penalties or other escalated enforcement actions.

As specified in the enclosed Appendix, you are required to submit a written response for each item of noncompliance. During the enforcement conference at the Region III office, our concerns were discussed with your representatives. In addition to the corrective actions you proposed during the enforcement conference, you should evaluate use of a conspicuous unit identification system, such as color coding, to reduce the likelihood of confusion between units. Your response should include your conclusions regarding implementation of the unit identification system.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you (or your contractors) believe to be exempt from disclosure under 10 CFR 9.5(a)(4), it is necessary that you (a) notify this office by telephone within ten (10) days from the date of this letter of your intention to file a request for withholding; and (b) submit within twenty-five (25) days from the date of this letter a written application to this office to withhold such information. If your receipt of this letter has been delayed such that less than seven (7) days are available for your review, please notify this office promptly so that a new due date may be established. Consistent with Section 2.790(b)(1), any such application must be accompanied by an affidavit executed by the owner of the information which identifies the document or part sought to be withheld, and which contains a full statement of the reasons which are the bases for the claim that the information should be withheld from public disclosure. This section further requires the statement to address with specificity the considerations listed in 10 CFR 2.790(b)(4). The information sought to be withheld shall be incorporated as far as possible into a separate part of the affidavit. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified periods noted above, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-5111.

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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

"Original Signed by C.E. Morelius" *far*

James G. Keppler
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

- 1. Appendix, Notice of Violation
- 2. Inspection Reports
No. 50-266/82-12(DETP)
and No. 50-301/82-12(DEPT)

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