

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Wisconsin Electric Power Company
Point Beach Nuclear Plant

Docket Nos. 50-266; 50-301
Licenses No. DPR-24; DPR-27

As a result of the inspection conducted from October 16 through December 2, 1990, and in accordance with 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C, "General Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions", the following violations were identified:

Technical Specification 15.6.8.1 requires that the plant shall be operated and maintained in accordance with approved procedures.

1. Test procedure ORT 3, "Safety Injection Actuation with Loss of AC" requires that vessel level be greater than 52% prior to conducting the test. Operating procedure OP-4F, "Reactor Coolant System Reduced Inventory Requirements", requires that at least one safety injection pump is available for operation when reactor vessel level is less than 55% (reduced inventory condition).

Contrary to the above, on or about November 3, 1990, test ORT 3 was performed with actual reactor vessel level between 39% and 52%. Consequently, both safety injection pumps were disabled during ORT 3 with the reactor coolant system still in a reduced inventory condition.

2. Operating procedure OP-5A, "Reactor Coolant Volume Control", states that the purpose of section D, "3/4 Pipe Operation" is only for maintaining reactor vessel water level at 22% +/- 3%.

Contrary to the above, on or about November 2, 1990, operators used section D of operating procedure OP-5A, to raise reactor vessel water level from 22% to 60%.

3. Administrative procedure PBNP 2.1.1, "Classification, Review and Approval of Procedures" and Technical Specification 15.6.8.3.B require temporary procedure changes to be reviewed by the Manager's Supervisory Staff and approved by the manager within 15 days of issuance.

Contrary to the above, on or about May 1, 1990, temporary procedure changes to RESP 3.1, "Primary System Tests"; RESP 4.1, "Initial Criticality and ARO Physics Test"; and RESP 4.2, "Reference Bank Worth"; were not reviewed and approved by the Manager's Supervisory Staff within 14 days of issuance. This is similar to a previous violation and corrective actions appear to be insufficient to prevent its recurrence.

These are Severity Level IV violations (Supplement 1).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, you are required to submit to this office within thirty days of the date of this Notice a written statement or explanation in reply, including for each violation: (1) corrective action taken and the results achieved; (2) corrective action to be taken to avoid further violations; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Consideration may be given to extending your response time for good cause shown.

Dated

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