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Note to Karl Goller, Assistant Director for  
Operating Reactors, RL

POINT BEACH UNIT 1 STEAM GENERATOR TUBE RUPTURE INCIDENT

I understand that the Point Beach steam generator tube failure is due to cracking and that more than 90 tubes are being plugged because of tube wall thinning etc. As you know, license for the Prairie Island facility -- a clean plant -- has specific tech spec requirements implementing Reg. Guide 1.83 and establishing a primary to secondary leak rate of 1 gpm. Given these facts, should the Point Beach license be immediately amended pursuant to Section 2.204 to include an appropriate 1.83 implementation and 1 gpm leak rate limit?

I will be pleased to discuss this matter at your convenience. I urge, however, a quick resolution since Point Beach intends to return to power without Staff concurrence as soon as the tube plugging exercise is completed.

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