PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-III-82-126 Date: November 9, 1982

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by the staff on this date.

Facility:	Wisconsin Electric Power Company		Licensee Emergency Classification:	
	Point Beach Nuclear Power Station		Notification of Unusual Event	
	Unit 1		Alert	
	Docket No. 50-266		Site Area Emergency	
	Two Rivers, WI 54241		General Emergency	
			Not Applicable	

Subject: DEBRIS FOUND IN STEAM GENERATORS

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On November 5, 1982, workmen using fiber optics identified various pieces of metal and other debris in the A and B Steam Generators of Unit 1. (Unit 1 has been down for refueling since October 21. Start-up is projected for December 10.)

The licensee said the cold leg of the "A" steam generator contains a hose clamp, a C-clamp about 4 to 6 inches in size and a pivot plate from a C-clamp. Three tubes may be damaged. The hot leg of the "B" steam generator contains a rod 5 to 6 feet long and 3/8 inches wide, several weld rods, several small pieces of wire and one small plate of undetermined thickness (possibly sheet metal). The cold leg of the "B" steam generator contains what may be a feedwater heater tube plug (brass), about 1 inch by 3/4 inch by 1/2 inch.

Secondary repair work on Unit 1's A and B Steam Generators was last performed in 1975 (modification of moisture separators). The debris may have been left in the steam generators at that time. The licensee has begun retrieval efforts. Eddy current testing of the "A" steam generator cold leg for possible tube damage or leaks will begin as soon as Westinghouse equipment arrives. Unit 1 steam generators are scheduled for replacement in September, 1983 (6 month outage).

The visual monitoring of the secondary side of Unit 2's steam generators was completed early last spring.

The resident inspectors are monitoring the licensee's retrieval efforts.

Neither the licensee nor Region III (Chicago) plans a press release.

The State of Wisconsin will be notified.

The resident inspector was notified of the event at 3:15 p.m. November 5, 1982. This information is current as of 4 p.m. (CST) November 8, 1982.

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