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

Wisconsin Electric Power Company
ATTN: Mr. C. W. Fay
Vice President
Nuclear Power
231 West Michigan Street - P379
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. R. Hasse and Mr. I. Yin of this office on October 22, 1990 through January 2, 1991 of activities at the Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, authorized by NRC Operating Licenses DPR-24 and DPR-27. A discussion of our findings was held with Mr. T. Koehler and others of your staff at the conclusion of the onsite portion of inspection and subsequent discussions with Mr. W. Fromm were held via telephone on January 2, 1991.

The purpose of this inspection was to determine if design changes and modifications were being conducted in accordance with programmatic and regulatory requirements. The inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice. We are concerned about this violation because it demonstrates a lack of test control as required by 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion XI. In this instance, the lack of test control consisted of the failure to provide relevant acceptance criteria and documented test results for a post-modification test. As a result, it is not known how long the crossover steam dump valves may be considered operable if instrument air is lost to these valves. If these valves are inoperable with the reactor above 480 MWE, a potential for turbine overspeed exists if generator load is lost.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed notice when preparing your response. In your response you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. In addition, we request that you respond to the open item described in Paragraph 2.a(2) of the attached inspection report. This item involves the apparent degradation of the crossover steam dump valves and is closely related to the subject of the violation in that it was part of the reason for performing the subject modification.

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We considered your analysis and testing of motor operated valve operators to be a strength. In contrast, more effort is required in the area of post-modification testing. Specifically, a sound basis the selection of for acceptance criteria must be assured and then these criteria must be verified and documented to have been met.

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 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 96-511.

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

Thomas M. Burdick

Thomas M. Burdick, Chief
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Enclosures:

- 1. Notice of Violation
- 2. Inspection Reports
 - No. 50-266/90020(DRS)
 - No. 50-301/90020(DRS)

cc w/enclosures:

- G. J. Maxfield, Plant Manager
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- OC/LFDCB
- Resident Inspector, RIII
- Virgil Kanable, Chief
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