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Facility: Wisconsin Electric Power Company
Point Beach, Unit 1 (Docket No. 50-266)
Two Rivers, WI

Licensee Emergency Classification:
 Notification of Unusual Event
 Alert
 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 Not Applicable

Subject: UNIT SHUTDOWN TO REPAIR MINOR LEAK

DESIGNATED ORIGINAL

Certified By Wade McCormick

At 11:10 p.m. (CST) on February 5, 1982, the utility started a planned shutdown to permit repair of a 100 drop per minute (about 18 gallons per day) leak from the Unit 1 loop B cold leg RTD bypass manifold orifice flange. The observed leak rate was well below the Technical Specification limit of 1 gpm, and containment airborne activity remained below 10% of 10 CFR 20 limits.

At 7:47 a.m. (CST) on February 6, 1982, while at 0% power in the process of establishing hot shutdown, an automatic trip occurred when a source range instrument spiked momentarily. All systems functioned normally. The utility made an ENS notification to the HQ Duty Officer as required. The leak was subsequently repaired; the reactor was taken critical at 5:35 p.m. on February 6, and the main generator was phased onto the grid at 1:19 a.m. on February 7, 1982.

The utility issued a press release prior to the Unit 1 shutdown, and responded to numerous media inquiries during and after the shutdown. The considerable media attention included national television coverage and is the basis for this PN.

The utility notified the HQ Duty Officer of the trip at 8:05 a.m. (CST) on February 6, 1982. Region III learned of the trip from the Resident Inspector at approximately 1:45 p.m. on February 6, 1982.

Region III is not planning a press release.

The State of Wisconsin has been notified.

This information is current as of 9:00 a.m. (CST) on February 8, 1982.

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