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Dear Mr. Fay:

SUBJECT: GENERIC LETTER 88-14, INSTRUMENT AIR SUPPLY PROBLEMS AFFECTING
SAFETY-RELATED EQUIPMENT (TAC NOS. 71702 AND 71703)

By Generic Letter 88-14 dated August 8, 1988, we requested that Wisconsin Electric Power Company review NUREG-1275, Volume 2, and perform a design and operations verification of the instrument air systems for Point Beach Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2. By letters dated February 20, 1989 (NRC-89-021) and July 27, 1989 (NRC-89-088), you provided responses addressing the four specific requirements of the generic letter.

Your responses noted a number of initiatives that you are undertaking to improve the reliability of the instrument air systems. These include two hardware modifications: replacing defective components associated with solenoid operated vent valves for Unit 1 (letter of July 27, 1989), and installation of instrument air accumulators for the crossover steam dump system dump valves for both units (letter of February 20, 1989). The first of these two items was to be completed during the spring 1990 Unit 1 refueling outage. By your letter of June 18, 1990 (NRC-90-60), we now understand that modification will be completed during the spring 1991 refueling outage. The second of the two modifications is to be completed during the fall 1990 refueling outage for Unit 2 and during the spring 1991 refueling outage for Unit 1.

We found that you have addressed the items identified in the generic letter. We did not perform a detailed safety evaluation based on your responses. However, we conclude that your responses provide an adequate basis for closeout of this issue for Point Beach. This is contingent upon the completion of the actions which you have identified in accordance with the current schedule. Please notify us when all items identified in your two response letters are completed.

Sincerely,

original signed by

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