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Wisconsin Electric Power Company
ATTN: Mr. Robert Link, Vice President
Nuclear Power
231 West Michigan Street - P379
Milwaukee, WI 53201

SUBJECT: PHYSICAL SECURITY INSPECTION AT POINT BEACH

Dear Mr. Link:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. T. J. Madeda of this office on May 10-13, 1994. The inspection included a review of authorized activities for your Point Beach Nuclear facility. At the conclusion of this inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, and interviews with personnel.

We strongly encourage licensees to self-identify problems and to correct them. Our enforcement policy allows us to refrain from issuing a Notice of Violation in accordance with 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C, VII, B, (2). Based on your staff's discussion with us during the inspection and subsequently with our management we carefully considered using that broad discretion. However, we determined that applying discretion was not appropriate in this case for the reasons noted below. Therefore, 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 of Violation (Notice).

The first issue is being cited because your corrective actions for a similar violation identified in NRC Inspection Reports No. 50-266/90013; 50-301/90013, dated July 13, 1990, were not totally effective in preventing recurrence. Additionally, both alarm station operators failed to implement compensatory measures even though they had the same information regarding the condition of the alarm zone.

The second issue is being cited because it had multiple causes. One alarm station operator demonstrated clear willfulness in not reporting his failure to implement a compensatory measure to his management in a timely manner. Three of your on-duty security supervisors were confused by a poor procedure but did not seek guidance or resolve the issue for several hours. Also, your corrective actions for a similar violation identified in

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NRC Inspection Reports No. 50-266/90013; 50-301/90013, dated July 13, 1990, were not totally effective.

The third issue is being cited because, although your corrective action addressed the immediate issue, your long term action did not appear to be comprehensive.

Areas examined during this inspection concern a subject matter which is exempt from disclosure according to Part 73, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 73.21(c)(2). This information must be handled and protected in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 73.21. Consequently, the enclosure to this letter, our report of the inspection, and your response to the violations identified in the enclosure to this letter will not be placed into the NRC Public Document Room. Therefore, your statement of corrective action regarding the violations identified in the enclosure should be submitted as a separate enclosure to your transmittal letter in the manner prescribed.

In addition, we identified two security program vulnerabilities involving metal detector effectiveness, and protected area barrier surveillance that had the potential to allow undetected entry of personnel or unauthorized items to the protected area. The licensee has initiated action to address these two issues.

All of the findings noted above had similar causes involving weak attention to detail, less than effective management overview, and weak internal self-assessment.

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

Sincerely,

"Original signed by J. W. McCormick-Barger"

Cynthia D. Pederson, Chief
Reactor Support Programs Branch

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Reports
No. 50-266/94009(DRSS);
No. 50-301/94009(DRSS)
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