

August 11, 1994

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

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

Dear Mr. Link:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. D. Schrum of this office on July 11-19, 1994. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Point Beach facility. At the conclusion of the 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, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements.

Overall, the fire protection program was rated good. Although this inspection identified some concerns and weaknesses, many strengths were identified. For example, program strengths included an experienced and knowledgeable staff, a low number of fires, and a well trained fire brigade. However, increased management oversight is needed for the backlog of fire protection maintenance requests and the resolution of condition reports.

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 violation cited in the enclosed Notice regarded the failure to remove or cover combustible materials within 35 feet of "hotwork" activities. The violation indicated that a problem existed in one aspect of the fire prevention program and improvement is needed in this area.

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. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions, and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's Commission's Regulations, a copy of this letter, its 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.

Sincerely,

H. O. Walker for

W. D. Shafer, Chief
Maintenance and Outage Section

Enclosures:

- 1. Notice of Violation
- 2. Inspection Reports
 - No. 50-266/94015(DRS);
 - No. 50-301/94015(DRS)

cc w/enclosures:

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