

Mr. Robert E. Link, Vice President January 11, 1995
Nuclear Power Department
Wisconsin Electric Power Company
231 West Michigan Street, Room P379
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SUBJECT: DENIAL OF AMENDMENT REQUEST CR-175 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSES
DPR-24 AND DPR-27 - POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC
NOS. M90243 AND M90244)

Dear Mr. Link:

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After careful review, the NRC staff has concluded that your request cannot be approved. The basis for this finding is documented in the enclosed Safety Evaluation, which states that, based on available data, uncertainties in: the potential locations of cracking; crack growth rates; allowable maximum crack size; potential leakage rates; and the probability of detection of cracks are too great to demonstrate that licensing basis criteria would be satisfied for all normal and postulated accident conditions.

A copy of the Notice of Denial of Amendment to be published in the Federal Register is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,
Original signed by Leif J. Norrholm
Leif J. Norrholm, Director
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-266 and 50-301

Enclosures: 1. Safety Evaluation
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