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Facility: Wisconsin Electric Power  
Point Beach Nuclear Station Unit 1  
Two Rivers, WI 54241  
Docket No. 50-266

Licensee Emergency Classification:  
\_\_\_\_ Notification of an Unusual Event  
\_\_\_\_ Alert  
\_\_\_\_ Site Area Emergency  
\_\_\_\_ General Emergency  
xx Not Applicable

Subject: SIX MONTH OUTAGE TO REPLACE STEAM GENERATORS

Beginning Saturday, October 1, 1983, the licensee commenced a six-month outage for refueling, routine maintenance and replacement of the unit's two steam generators.

The licensee received authorization to replace the steam generators from the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation on September 30, 1983. Approximately 14 per cent of the 6500 tubes in the two generators have either been plugged or removed from service because of corrosion. As a result, the unit has been operating at only 75 per cent of its 495,000 kilowatt capacity.

Unit 2, which is operating at 100 per cent power, recently completed a tube sleeving program. It has not been determined at this time whether Unit 2 also will need steam generator replacement.

The licensee notified the news media by telephone of the outage and steam generator replacement on September 30, 1983. A formal news release is being prepared by the licensee and is expected to be issued October 3, 1983. Region III (Chicago) will respond to inquiries.

The State of Wisconsin will be notified.

The Resident Inspector was notified of this event on September 30, 1983. This information is current as of 12:30 p.m. October 3, 1983.

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