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Docket No. 50-409

Dairyland Power Cooperative
ATTN: Mr. F. W. Linder
General Manager
2615 East Avenue - South
La Crosse, WI 54601

Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by N. A. Nicholson and A. G. Januska of this office on October 31 through November 3, 1983, of activities at LaCrosse Boiling Water Reactor (LACBWR) authorized by NRC Operating License No. DPR-45 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. G. Boyd and others of your staff on November 3, 1983, at the conclusion of the inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel. In addition, our Mobile Laboratory was at the site during the inspection to perform independent measurements of radioactivity.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in non-compliance with NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Appendix. A written response is required.

We are also concerned with apparent weaknesses in review and followup to anomalies encountered in analytical measurements and environmental monitoring. Poor followup on counter quality control data led to the identified item of noncompliance. The attached report also discusses several instances where anomalous environmental monitoring results were apparently accepted without investigation or explanation. In your response to this letter, please indicate the measures you will take to ensure that such matters are better addressed.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosure(s) will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room unless you notify this office, by telephone, within ten days of the date of this letter and submit written application to withhold information contained therein within thirty days of the date of this letter. Such application must be consistent with the requirements of 2.790(b)(1). If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified periods noted above, a copy of this letter, the enclosure(s), and your response to this letter will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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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,

J. A. Hind
J. A. Hind, Director
Division of Radiological and
Materials Safety Programs

Enclosures:

1. Appendix, Notice
of Violation
2. Inspection Report
No. 50-409/83-18(DRMSP)

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