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Gentlemen:

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS CHANGE REQUEST 172
MODIFICATIONS TO TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS SECTION 15.4.1
"OPERATIONAL SAFETY REVIEW"
POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

By letter dated May 2, 1994, Wisconsin Electric Power Company (Licensee) requested amendments to Facility Operating Licenses DPR-24 and DPR-27 for Point Beach Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2, respectively, to incorporate changes to the plant Technical Specifications. The proposed changes removed Radiation Monitoring System requirements from the Technical Specifications with the exception of those radiation monitors required for post-accident monitoring. This letter is in response to your inquiry into the reliability of these radiation monitors.

The surveillance requirements for the four main steam line radiation and six containment high range radiation monitors which are being retained in the Technical Specifications are being revised. The proposed revision changes the test requirement for these monitors from monthly to quarterly. The check requirement is being revised from daily to every shift for the main steam line radiation monitors.

These monitors have demonstrated a high degree of reliability. A review of the test records for these monitors for the past three years determined that there have been no functional test failures for any of the 10 monitors in question. This review supports our conclusion that monthly testing of the main steam line and containment high range monitors is excessive and the proposed quarterly test interval is acceptable to demonstrate continued operability. This quarterly test frequency is also consistent with radioactive effluent monitoring instrumentation which is currently required to be tested quarterly in accordance with Radiological Effluent Technical Specifications.

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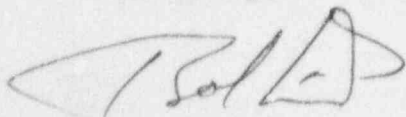
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Checks, tests, and calibrations for these instruments will continue to be performed in accordance with approved Point Beach Nuclear Plant procedures.

We believe this information is responsive to your request. Please contact us if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Link", enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval.

Bob Link
Vice President
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cc: NRC Regional Administrator
NRC Resident Inspector
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