

December 26, 1995

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

Dear Mr. Link:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Messrs. T. Kobetz and A. McMurtray and others of this office, from October 4, 1995 through November 16, 1995, of activities at the Point Beach Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2. Our findings were discussed with Mr. G. J. Maxfield and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

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 observations.

A violation of NRC requirements was identified in the area of operations. This issue involved performing ORT 3A "Safety Injection Actuation With Loss Of Engineered Safeguards AC Unit 2" concurrently with Unit 1 engineered safety feature (ESF) analog testing. This was specifically prohibited by ORT 3A's "Initial Conditions." This issue is of concern because your staff chose to violate the procedure in lieu of performing a safety evaluation and subsequent procedure change.

The above violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation and the circumstances surrounding it are described in detail in the subject inspection report.

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 specified actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. 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.

You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations on this matter.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosures and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). To the extent possible, your response

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The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Public Law No. 96.511.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection. Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by M. J. Farber

Martin J. Farber, Chief
Reactor Projects Branch 6

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