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The Honorable Herbert Kohl  
 United States Senate  
 Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Kohl:

I am responding to your letter of June 15, 1992. On behalf of a constituent, you requested information about the implementation of safety requirements at the Point Beach Nuclear Plant, including violations of regulations and penalties levied.

The Commission established a process for systematic assessment of licensee performance (SALP) to aid us in achieving a comprehensive understanding of safety performance at each licensed facility. In conducting the SALP, the NRC reviews events that occurred during the performance period, findings in inspection reports, and violations during the period. Violations resulting in civil penalties weigh heavily in the assessment.

I am enclosing copies of the reports for the two most recent assessments, which cover the period from April 1, 1989, through January 31, 1992. These reports identify violations by severity level during that period. Violations of severity levels IV and V do not normally involve a civil penalty, though higher level violations usually do involve a civil penalty. Although the NRC found other violations prior to April 1989, these two recent reports give a current picture of the implementation of safety requirements at Point Beach.

Since issuance of operating licenses for Point Beach Units 1 and 2 in October 1970 and March 1973, respectively, the NRC has issued four civil penalties to the Point Beach Nuclear Plant. These civil penalties related to security violations, maintenance activities related to the main steam isolation valves (twice), and an inadequate corrective action program. In addition, escalated enforcement action is being considered regarding steam generator maintenance during the spring 1992 refueling outage.

I hope that the above information, together with these two reports, provides the needed insight into performance.

Sincerely, Original Signed By:  
 J. Taylor  
 James M. Taylor  
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Enclosures:

- 1) SALP report Octob: 30, 1990
- 2) SALP report May 22, 1992

\*See previous concurrence

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 FOR A CONSTITUENT

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