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Licenses No. DPR-24; DPR-27  
EA 92-120

Wisconsin Electric Power Company  
ATTN: Mr. R. E. Link  
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Dear Mr. Link:

Subject: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-266/92014; 50-301/92014

This refers to the special safety inspection conducted by Messrs. K. R. Jury and J. Gadzala of this office, on May 27 through June 14, 1992. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Point Beach facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

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.

Based on the results of this inspection, two apparent violations were identified and are being considered for escalated enforcement action in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions" (Enforcement Policy), 10 CFR 2, Appendix C (1992). The apparent violations pertain to crevice flushing activities which in one case resulted in an excessive cooldown rate of the reactor coolant system and in another case resulted in the removal from operation of the required decay heat removal capability. Accordingly, no Notice of Violation is presently being issued for these inspection findings. In addition, please be advised that the number and characterization of apparent violations described in the enclosed inspection report may change as a result of further NRC review.

An enforcement conference to discuss these apparent violations has been scheduled for July 7, 1992. The purposes of this conference are to discuss the apparent violations, their causes and safety significance; to provide you the opportunity to point out any errors in our inspection report; to provide an opportunity for you to present your proposed corrective actions; and to discuss any other information that will help us determine the appropriate enforcement action in accordance with the Enforcement Policy. You will be

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advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations on this matter. No response regarding these apparent violations is required at this time.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

  
for Edward G. Greenman, Director  
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosure: Inspection Report  
No. 50-266/92014(DRP)  
No. 50-301/92014(DRP)

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