

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Wisconsin Electric Power Company
Point Beach Nuclear Plant

Docket Nos. 50-266; 50-301;
Licenses No. DPR-24; DPR-27

During an NRC inspection conducted from November 20, 1996, through November 27, 1996, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with NUREG-1600, "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," the violation is listed below:

10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion V requires that activities affecting quality shall be prescribed by procedures appropriate to the circumstances and shall be accomplished in accordance with these procedures. Procedures shall include appropriate quantitative or qualitative acceptance criteria for determining that important activities have been accomplished satisfactorily.

Abnormal Operating Procedure (AOP) 0.0, "Vital DC System Malfunction," Revision 9, Attachment B, "DC Distribution Panel Power Supplies," aligned 125 VDC battery chargers D-107 and D-108 to DC busses D03 and D04 respectively without the related battery also connected.

Contrary to the procedure, battery chargers D-107 and D-108 would not function properly if aligned to a DC bus without a battery also connected due to their design.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement I).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Wisconsin Electric is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555, with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region III, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice. This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or if contested, the basis for disputing the violation; (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a Demand for Information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Under the authority of Section 182 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 2232, this response shall be submitted under oath or affirmation.

Because your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), to the extent possible, it should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. However, if you find it necessary to include such information, you should clearly indicate the specific information that you desire not to be placed in the PDR, and provide the legal basis to support your request for withholding the information from the public.

Dated at Lisle, Illinois
this 23 day of January 1997