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Gentlemen:

DOCKET 50-266 AND 50-301  
LICENSEE EVENT REPORT 97-029-00  
SAFETY INJECTION ACCUMULATORS ISOLATED  
DURING PLANT STARTUP PROCEDURE  
IN VIOLATION OF TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS  
POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

Enclosed is Licensee Event Report 97-029-00 for Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2. This report is provided in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(i)(B), "Any operation or condition prohibited by the plant's Technical Specifications." This report describes the discovery that an operating procedure for plant startup required the isolation of safety injection accumulators during the reactor coolant system leakage test which raises primary system pressure above 1000 psig. A conservative interpretation of Technical Specification TS 15.3.3.A.1.h prohibits such a configuration.

If you require additional information, please contact us.

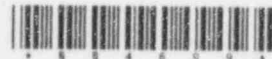
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