

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Wisconsin Electric Power Co.
Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant

Docket Nos. 50-266; 50-301
License Nos. DPR-24; DPR-27

During an NRC inspection conducted on June 8-12, and July 15-16, 1998, three violations of NRC requirements were identified. In accordance with "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violations are listed below:

1. 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion III, "Design Control," states, in part, that measures shall be established to assure that applicable regulatory requirements and the design basis, are correctly translated into specifications, drawings, procedures, and instructions. The design control measures shall provide for verifying or checking the adequacy of design, such as by the performance of design reviews, or by the performance of a suitable testing program.

Contrary to the above, as of June 12, 1998, the licensee failed to determine the lowest voltages available at the breaker close and trip coils since the original installation of the breakers; and failed to translate this design basis into applicable maintenance procedures to demonstrate by testing that all the safety related electrical breakers will operate satisfactorily (at the worst case) during design basis accident conditions as specified in the Point Beach final safety analysis report (FSAR).

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

2. 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion XV, "Nonconforming Materials, Parts, or Components," requires, in part, that measures shall be established to control materials, parts, or components which do not conform to requirements in order to prevent their inadvertent use. These measures shall include, as appropriate, procedures for identification, documentation, segregation, and disposition.

Contrary to the above, as of June 10, 1998, adequate measures were not established to prevent the use of inappropriate cleaning agents/lubricants to clean/lubricate safety related electrical breaker components. For example, type LPS #1 and other non-qualified lubricants were used on safety related breaker components.

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

3. 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion V, "Instructions, Procedures, and Drawings," requires, in part, that activities affecting quality shall be prescribed by documented procedures or drawings of a type appropriate to the circumstances, and shall be accomplished in accordance with these procedures or drawings.

Contrary to the above, in October 1997, the licensee failed to implement activities affecting quality as prescribed in maintenance procedure RMP 9325, Revision 5, "50-DH-350 4.16 kV Breaker Maintenance with Solenoid Operating Mechanism." This procedure is used in performing routine maintenance on breaker 1A52-66, (Emergency

Diesel Generator G02 output breaker). Significant portions of procedure RMP 9325 regarding mechanism checks, internal breaker adjustments and lubrication requirements were inappropriately marked N/A (not applicable) and were not performed.

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

The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reasons for the three violations, the corrective actions taken and planned to correct the violations and prevent recurrence are already adequately documented in this inspection report. However, you are required to submit a written statement or explanation pursuant to 10 CFR 2.201 if the description therein does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position. In that case, or if you choose to respond, clearly mark your response as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation," and send it to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region III and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice).

If you contest this enforcement action, you should also provide a copy of your response to the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001.

If you choose to respond, 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. If personal privacy or proprietary information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, then please provide a bracketed copy of your response that identifies the information that should be protected and a redacted copy of your response that deletes such information. If you request withholding of such material, you must specifically identify the portions of your response that you seek to have withheld and provide in detail the bases for your claim of withholding (e.g., explain why the disclosure of information will create an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or provide the information required by 10 CFR 2.790(b) to support a request for withholding confidential commercial or financial information). If safeguards information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, please provide the level of protection described in 10 CFR 73.21.

Date at Lisle, Illinois
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