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SUBJECT: NRC POINT BEACH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE
INSPECTION REPORTS 50-266/98020(DRS); 50-301/98020(DRS)

Dear Mr. Reddemann:

On November 6, 1998, the NRC completed an inspection of your Emergency Preparedness biennial exercise at your Point Beach Nuclear Plant. The purpose of this inspection was to evaluate the performance of your emergency response organization during the exercise. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

Areas examined within your emergency preparedness exercise performance are identified in the report. Within those areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observation of performance, and interviews with your staff. The objective of the inspection effort was to determine whether the Point Beach Emergency Plan was adequate and plant personnel were capable of implementing the Emergency Plan in accordance with NRC requirements. Based on the results of this inspection, no violations of NRC requirements were identified.

Overall performance during the 1998 Emergency Preparedness exercise was acceptable, and demonstrated that your emergency plan implementation activities met regulatory requirements. The performance of the staffs in the Control Room Simulator, Operations Support Center and Emergency Operations Facility contributed to safety by taking appropriate actions to mitigate the simulated accident and protect the public. Performance of the shift crew in the simulator was exceptionally effective. Your staff met the exercise objectives in an acceptable manner while complying with Emergency Plan and regulatory requirements. Staff and management effectively completed self-critiques.

During the exercise, an inappropriate decision was made to tie a non-safety related electrical bus to a safety-related bus to maintain a unit in operation. We understand that the impropriety of such an action was identified and discussed with your staff.

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Sincerely,

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