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Facility: Wisconsin Public Service Corp.  
Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant  
Kewaunee, WI

Licensee Emergency Classification:  
 Notification of an Unusual Event  
 Alert  
 Site Area Emergency  
 General Emergency  
 Not applicable

Docket No. 50-305

Subject: INADVERTENT WEAPON DISCHARGE

On May 8, 1986, while cleaning his office on the second floor of the gatehouse building (outside the protected area), the Senior Resident Inspector discovered a .38 caliber bullet imbedded about 1½ inches into the pages of an IE manual. The manual was on a bookshelf about 6 feet above the floor.

A bullet hole was found in a nearby wall, indicating that the bullet apparently had been fired through the wall from an adjacent room used by contract guard managers. These managers were known to occasionally clean their weapons in the room.

The Senior Resident Inspector recalled an incident about six months ago in which a loud noise had been heard in the adjacent room. The contract guard account manager, who was in the room at the time of the shooting, told the licensee during the earlier investigation that he thought he had fired a blank round from this gun which, he thought, was unloaded.

The licensee has now banned the handling or cleaning of weapons in administrative areas, and has removed the contract guard account manager for failure to follow weapons-handling procedures.

The State of Wisconsin will be notified.

Region III (Chicago) first learned of this event from the Resident Inspector at 3:00 p.m., May 8, 1986. This information is current as of 10:00 a.m. (CDT), May 12, 1986.

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