Mr. R. J. Cashwell, Reactor Director Nuclear Engineering Department University of Wisconsin Madison, Wisconsin 53706

SUBJECT: ROUTINE SECURITY AND MATERIAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-156/98201 (DRPM)

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Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations of activities in progress.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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