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SUBJECT POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 - NUCLEAR QUALITY
ASSURANCE PROGRAM CHANGES (TAC NOS. MA4248 AND MA4249)

Dear Mr. Sellman:

By letters dated November 16, 1998, and November 30, 1998, Wisconsin Electric (WE) submitted proposed revisions to the Nuclear Quality Assurance Program implemented at Point Beach Nuclear Plant (PBNP) Units 1 and 2. The changes were submitted in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.54(a)(3). WE determined that the proposed changes include reductions in commitments and therefore submitted them for NRC approval.

The proposed changes consist of reassigning the reporting requirements of the Non-Destructive Examination (NDE) Services group from the Nuclear Assurance Manager to the Engineering Programs group in the corporate offices of Milwaukee. The proposed changes would also delete the discussion of the NDE Services responsibilities of the Nuclear [Quality] Assurance Manager on Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) page 1.4-6 and would revise FSAR Figure 1.4-1 to reflect that the NDE Services group no longer reports to the Nuclear Assurance Manager. Another proposed change consists of revising Quality Verification's (QV) responsibilities for tracking deficiencies identified during audits, surveillances, and work monitoring reports to be required only for quality assurance program deficiencies.

The staff has reviewed the reduction in commitment submittals in accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(a) and determined that the changes are acceptable in that the quality assurance program continues to meet the requirements of Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 50. A summary of the staff's evaluation is enclosed.

If you have any further questions regarding this issue, please contact me at (301) 415-1355.

Sincerely,

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