

October 4, 1997

Mr. S. A. Patulski
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Point Beach Nuclear Plant
Wisconsin Electric Power Company
6610 Nuclear Road
Two Rivers, WI 54241

SUBJECT: NRC RADIATION PROTECTION INSPECTION REPORTS 50-266/97018(DRS);
50-301/97018(DRS) AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Patulski:

On August 29, 1997, the NRC completed an inspection of the radiation protection program at your Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant. The results of this inspection were discussed on that date with Mr. Paul Tindall and other members of your staff. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

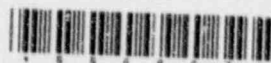
Areas examined during this inspection included a review of self reading dosimeter calibration, radiation work permit program and condition reporting system implementation, health physics organization effectiveness, and transportation of radioactive material. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

Overall, the radiation work permit program, health physics organization and radioactive material transportation program were effectively implemented. However, a violation of NRC requirements was identified, involving the failure to calibrate several emergency plan self reading dosimeters within the required time frame and the failure to maintain calibration records for many of the dosimeters calibrated in June 1997. Of particular concern with this violation was the length of time it took to resolve the calibration problems once they were identified.

This violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation, and the circumstances surrounding the violation are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instruction specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

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

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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by John A. Grobe

John A. Grobe, Acting Director
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-266; 50-301
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Enclosures: 1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Reports 50-266/97018(DRS); 50-301/97018(DRS)

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