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Ladies/Gentlemen:

DOCKETS 50-266 AND 50-301
ADDITIONAL REPLY TO A NOTICE OF VIOLATION
INSPECTION REPORT 50-266/96003 AND 50-301/96003
POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

Inspection Report 50-266/96003 and 50-301/96003, Section 3.3, identified a violation concerning post-maintenance testing for service water pump P-32E. Post-maintenance testing performed on P-32E showed vibration readings on the pump motor upper east bearing to be in the alert range per Table 3a of OMB-1989, Part 6 (> 0.325 ips). New reference values were established that were in this alert range and the test frequency was doubled per Section 6.1 of OMB-1989. Technical evaluations were also performed and filed with the completed test to document the operability of P-32E with the measured vibration values.

Your letter of October 30, 1996, documented a discussion held on this subject on October 22, 1996, between Mr. B. Jorgensen of your staff and Mr. T. Guay of our staff. Pursuant to that discussion, Wisconsin Electric, (WE) was requested to provide to the NRC the results of an ASME Code inquiry on this subject when received from ASME.

A response to the WE inquiry was received on November 15, 1996. The response is attached as requested.

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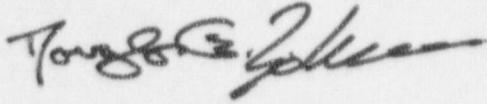
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We apologize for the delay in transmitting the results of this ASME Code inquiry. If you have any questions regarding the attached information, please contact us.

Sincerely,



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Manager,
Regulatory Services & Licensing

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Attachment

cc: NRC Resident Inspector
NRC Regional Administrator
NRC Project Manager



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November 15, 1996

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Subject: Section XI, Article IWP-3000, paragraphs IWP-3110 and IWP-3111 and
OMb-1989 Part 6.

ASME File: OMI 96-01

Dear Mr. Bishop,

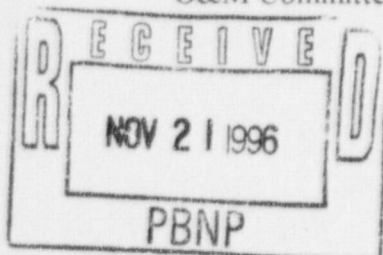
Our understanding of the question in your inquiry of August 20, 1996, and our reply is as follows:

Question: Do Section 4.3 and 4.4 of OMb-1989, Part 6, prohibit the establishment of reference values above the fixed alert range of Table 3a?

Reply: No, provided that acceptable operation is demonstrated and actions of Section 6.1 are taken.

Sincerely,

Jess Moon, Secretary
O&M Committee



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