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Mr. M. Reddemann
Site Vice President
Point Beach Nuclear Plant
6610 Nuclear Road
Two Rivers, WI 54241

SUBJECT: POINT BEACH INSPECTION REPORT 50-266/99018(DRP);
50-301/99018(DRP)

Dear Mr. Reddemann:

This refers to the inspection conducted on October 19 through December 10, 1999, at the Point Beach Nuclear facility. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection.

During this inspection period, Unit 1 was shutdown, refueled, and restarted. We observed generally positive performance during these activities. Your corrective actions for previous performance problems in the areas of maintenance rework and status control appeared to have been effective.

The NRC has completed its review of problems associated with your September 1999 chlorine dioxide treatment of the service water system. This treatment was performed to control zebra mussel infestation of the system. Problems associated with this treatment had previously been characterized as an apparent violation. As described in the attached report, the NRC concluded that the zebra mussel treatment problems did not warrant escalated enforcement, in part because of recent changes to the NRC Enforcement Policy. This conclusion notwithstanding, we believe that the unexpected impact of the chlorine dioxide treatment on safety-related equipment warrants thorough review and assessment. We understand that you have undertaken such a review, and plan to evaluate the results of your assessment when they are available.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that four violations of NRC requirements occurred. These violations are being treated as Non-Cited Violations (NCVs), consistent with Section VII.B.1.a of the Enforcement Policy. These NCVs are described in the subject inspection report. If you contest the violations or severity level of these NCVs, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington DC 20555-0001, with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region III, and the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

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Sincerely,

/s/ R. Lanksbury

Roger Lanksbury, Chief
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