

March 13, 2000

Mr. Thomas J. Palmisano
Site Vice President and General Manager
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Consumers Energy Company
27780 Blue Star Memorial Highway
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Dear Mr. Palmisano:

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As stated in the enclosure to Mr. Haskell's letter and confirmed in a telephone conversation between D. Rogers and D. Hills on March 2, 2000, your staff will develop the examination.

Mr. Haskell's letter indicated you are training approximately 12 candidates for the examination. Please inform us if the number of candidates declines below 10 as this will impact the examination schedule. Please also inform us at your earliest opportunity if you discover you are unable to support the examination on the scheduled dates.

A supplementary letter will be sent to the training department approximately 120 days prior to the examination outlining examination security expectations, listing the materials required by the NRC to conduct the examination, reconfirming the examination dates, and reconfirming the number of candidates you have in the training program. If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact Mary Ann Bies of my staff at 630-829-9711.

Sincerely,

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David E. Hills, Chief
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