

February 8, 2000

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE
PNO-III-00-003

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by Region III staff (Lisle, Illinois) on this date.

Facility	Licensee Emergency Classification
Consumers Power Co.	Notification of Unusual Event
Palisades 1	Alert
Covert, Michigan	Site Area Emergency
Dockets: 50-255	General Emergency
	X Not Applicable

Subject: PALISADES SHUTDOWN FOR PLANNED MAINTENANCE OUTAGE

The Palisades Nuclear Plant was taken off-line at 9:58 p.m. (CST) February 4, 2000 for a planned hot shutdown outage to flush out sodium residue on the secondary side of the steam generator after higher than normal sodium levels were detected in the system. Subsequently, a steam leak identified in the auxiliary feedwater system prompted the licensee to take the plant to cold shutdown to address the leak. In addition to identifying and addressing the equipment problems pertaining to the steam leak, the licensee will take the opportunity to address a potential problem with water carry over from the A steam generator to the high pressure turbine and replace the Primary Coolant Pump P-50B seal while in the cold shutdown condition.

The resident inspectors monitored the shutdown and troubleshooting activities. They will review the repair work and other activities. The State of Michigan will be notified. The information in this preliminary notification has been reviewed with licensee management.

This information is current as of 11 a.m. (CST) February 8, 2000.

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