

August 31, 2001

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE - PNO-III-01-019D

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 the Region III staff on this date.

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Licensee Emergency Classification</u>
Palisades	<input type="checkbox"/> Notification of Unusual Event
Nuclear Management Co.	<input type="checkbox"/> Alert
Covert, Michigan	<input type="checkbox"/> Site Area Emergency
Docket No. 50-255	<input type="checkbox"/> General Emergency
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

SUBJECT: SMALL LEAK IN CONTROL ROD DRIVE HOUSING (FOURTH UPDATE)

DESCRIPTION:

On August 31, 2001, Consumers Energy Co., owner of the Palisades plant, announced that it planned to replace defective control rod drive housings rather than repair them and replace them at a later date. The company indicated that installation of the housings would be completed in December 2001 and the plant would be expected to return to service in January 2002.

Replacement activities will be monitored by the resident inspectors and the Region III (Chicago) staff.

The State of Michigan will be notified of this updated information. The information in this Preliminary Notification has been reviewed with licensee management.

Consumers Energy issued a news release at 12:28 p.m. EDT on August 31, 2001. This information is current as of that time.

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