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Consumers Power Company
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Docket No. 50-329
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Gentlemen:

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This letter relates to a telephone conversation which took place on November 9, 1973, between W. E. Vetter of this office and Mr. W. E. Kessler of your staff. The purpose of Mr. Vetter's telephone call to Mr. Kessler was to express our concern about serious deficiencies associated with the implementation of your cadwelding program at the Midland 1 and 2 construction site, which were identified by our inspectors during an inspection on November 6 - 8, 1973.

It is our understanding that, as a result of the subject telephone conversation, Consumers Power Company stopped all cadwelding operations at the site on the morning of November 9, 1973, pending the development of an upgraded program for performing this work. It is also our understanding that cadwelding work will not be restarted at the site until: (1) all currently existing cadwelds have been reinspected by properly qualified inspection personnel and determined to meet quality requirements, and (2) a site inspection by our inspectors establishes that an acceptable program for cadwelding has been developed and implemented.

Sincerely yours,

James G. Keppler
James G. Keppler
Regional Director

cc: A. H. Aymond, President
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