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Docket No. 50-255

Consumers Power Company  
ATTN: Mr. R. B. DeWitt  
Vice President  
Nuclear Operations  
212 West Michigan Avenue  
Jackson, MI 49201

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messers. R. D. Schultz and E. R. Swanson of this office on June 24-25, 1980, of activities at Palisades Nuclear Generating Station authorized by NRC Operating License No. DPR-20 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. J. G. Lewis at the conclusion of the inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in noncompliance with NRC requirements, as described in the enclosed Appendix A. This item appears to be repetitive in nature to an item contained in IE Inspection Report No. 50-255/78-26.

The repetitive nature of this item raises concerns regarding the functioning of your Quality Assurance Program with respect to 10 CFR 50 Appendix B, Criterion XVI, Corrective Action, which requires that conditions adverse to quality are promptly corrected and actions taken to preclude repetition. These concerns are further heightened by the fact that your Quality Assurance audit of training dated October 27, 1978, had disclosed the problem and your management systems were ineffective in obtaining corrective actions. In responding to this letter please address action to be taken to improve the performance of your Quality Assurance Program with respect to Criterion XVI.

This notice is sent to you pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Section 2.201 requires you to submit to this office within twenty days of your receipt of this notice a written statement or explanation in reply, including for each item of noncompliance: (1) corrective action

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taken and the results achieved; (2) corrective action to be taken to avoid further noncompliance; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room, except as follows. If the enclosures contain information that you or your contractors believe to be proprietary, you must apply in writing to this office, within twenty days of your receipt of this letter, to withhold such information from public disclosure. The application must include a full statement of the reasons for which the information is considered proprietary, and should be prepared so that proprietary information identified in the application is contained in an enclosure to the application.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

R. F. Heishman, Chief  
Reactor Operations and  
Nuclear Support Branch

Enclosures:

- 1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
- 2. IE Inspection Report No. 50-255/80-09

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