

Date: July 10, 1980

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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURENCE--PNO-III-80-128A

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff as of this date.

Facility: Consumers Power Company
Palisades Nuclear Generating Plant
Docket No. 50-255
Covert, MI

Subject: FORCED SHUTDOWN CAUSED BY MAIN GENERATOR SEAL OIL LEAK (UPDATE)

Following the successful repair of the generator seal oil leak, which necessitated the manual trip of the generator and reactor on July 3, 1980, and other maintenance work, the reactor was taken critical at 3:06 p.m. on July 9, 1980. At 3:18 p.m. while at 1.0E-04 percent power the reactor was automatically shutdown from a high startup rate trip caused by a faulty instrument circuit. The instrument was repaired and during startup preparations on July 10, Control Rod 8 would not move. The licensee has attributed the inability to move the rod to a drive motor brake malfunction and repairs are in process with reactor startup scheduled for July 10, 1980.

This PN is issued for information only. The Resident Inspector is reviewing the licensee's actions in accordance with routine inspection program requirements.

Neither the licensee or Region III plan to make a press release at this time. The State of Michigan is being notified.

The licensee notified the NRC via Red Phone at 3:43 p.m. (CST) on July 9, 1980. This matter was discussed with the Resident Inspector and is current as of 8:30 a.m. July 10, 1980.

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