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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 routine inspection conducted by Messrs. A. G. Januska and M. P. Phillips of this office on October 20-24, 1980, of activities at Palisades Nuclear Generating Plant authorized by NRC Operating License No. DPR-20 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. H. Palmer and others of your staff 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. In addition, independent measurements were made using the NRC Region III Measurements Van at the site.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in non-compliance with NRC requirements, as described in the enclosed Appendix A.

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 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 addition to our concern for corrective action with respect to the specific items of noncompliance noted, we are concerned about the numerous examples of failure to follow procedures for environmental monitoring as discussed in Paragraphs 2, 4, 4.a, 4.b, and 9 of the enclosed report. Although a number of these are not specifically required by Technical Specifications, our review of your environmental monitoring program indicates that steps are not always taken to ensure that actions required by procedures are actually performed. Please tell us in your reply to this

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letter, actions you plan to take to ensure the implementation of your environmental monitoring procedures.

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,



A. B. Davis, Chief
Fuel Facility and
Materials Safety Branch

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice
of Violation
2. IE Inspection Report
No. 50-255/80-19

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