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Docket No. 50-255

Consumers Power Company
ATTN: Dr. F. W. Buckman
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. J. Patterson and others of this office on April 20-24, 1987 of activities at the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant authorized by License No. DPR-20 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. J. Lewis, Mr. W. Beckman, 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.

No violations of NRC requirements were identified during the course of this inspection. However, we are concerned with your inability to demonstrate through telephone call-in drills that enough personnel can respond to meet the goals of shift augmentation as listed in Figure 5-6 of your Site Emergency Plan. Successful demonstration of shift augmentation cannot be delayed until your planned telecomputer dialing system and other aids are operational. As listed in Section 5 of this report, we expect you to meet the commitment of conducting one call-in drill before July 1, 1987, with a second drill conducted within 90 days of the first. Documentation and critique results should be included for each drill for our review at a later date.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

"Original signed by W.D. Shafer"

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Enclosure: Inspection Report
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