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Docket No. 50-255

Consumers Power Company
ATTN: Dr. F. W. Buckman
Vice President
Nuclear Operations
212 West Michigan Avenue
Jackson, MI 49201

Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safeguards inspection conducted by Mr. B. Drouin and accompanied by Mr. D. M. Galanti of this office on October 19-23, 1987, of activities at the Palisades Nuclear Plant, authorized by NRC Operating License No. DPR-20 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. D. Joos 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.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice. A repeat violation involving improper visitor escorting was identified during this inspection, reflecting inadequate corrective action. Additional management attention is necessary. A written response is required. You are also requested to respond with your corrective actions taken to address the issues identified in Sections 5c and 6 of the enclosed report.

Areas examined during this inspection concern a subject matter which is exempt from disclosure according to Part 73, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 73.21(c)(2). This information must be handled and protected in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 73.21. Consequently, the enclosure to this letter, our report of the inspection, your response to the violations and the additional issues identified in the enclosure to this letter will not be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. Therefore, your statement of corrective action regarding the violations and the additional issues identified in the enclosure should be submitted as a separate enclosure to your transmittal letter in the manner prescribed.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice (Order) are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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

Sincerely,

Bruce S. Mallett, Ph.D., Chief
Nuclear Materials Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosures:

- 1. Notice of Violation
- 2. Inspection Report
No. 50-255/87026(DRSS)
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Mr. Kenneth W. Berry, Director
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