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Docket No. 50-255

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

Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Messrs. E. R. Swanson, N. R. Williamsen and R. C. Kazmar of this office during the period of November 3 through December 1, 1987, of activities at the Palisades Nuclear Generating Plant authorized by NRC Provisional Operating License No. DPR-20 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. D. P. Hoffman 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 written response is required.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice 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.

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

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY W. G. GULDEMOND

W. G. Guldemon, Chief
Reactor Projects Branch 2

Enclosures:

- 1. Notice of Violation
- 2. Inspection Report
No. 50-255/87029(DRP)

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