Docket No. 50-255

Consumers Power Company
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Gentlemen:

Based on the May 3, 1988, telephone conversation between Mr. Jim Brunet, of Consumers Power Company and Mr. Gary Shear of my staff, it is my understanding that May 19, 1988, was agreed upon as the date for our site visit to tour the emergency response facilities of the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant.

Recent experience in the Federal Field Exercise identified the need for Region III to evaluate each licensee's emergency response facilities to determine if the NRC's Expanded Activation Site Team can be adequately accommodated. IE Information Notice No. 86-18 described the planned composition and location of the NRC Site Team that would respond to a major nuclear power plant accident.

Region III does not expect licensees to backfit to provide increased facility space. Facilities that have been constructed and approved under current regulations and guidance may not have the capability to accommodate the NRC Expanded site Team as outlined in Information Notice 86-18.

Our goal is to consider with each licensee, ways of making more efficient use of available space, of providing adequate communications, and of identifying alternate space where relevant data could be made available in a timely, reliable manner.

Attached to this letter is an outline of the areas we will be reviewing. If there are questions regarding any of the above, please contact Gary Shear at (312) 790-5620.

Sincerely,

"Original signed by W. Snell"

William Snell, Chief Emergency Preparedness Section

Attachment: As stated

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OUTLINE FOR EVALUATING LICENSEE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR NRC SITE TEAM

I. Communications

- A. Telephone Capabilities
 - 1. Number of Available Phones
 - 2. Location of Available Phones
 - Type of Phone Service (e.g., voice activated)
- B. Computer Compatability

II. Size and Layout of TSC and EOF

- A. Space Availability for Expanded Site Team
- B. Seating and Desk Arrangements for Expanded Site Team
- C. Location of Key Counterpart Licensee Personnel
- D. Conferencing Space for NRC Personnel

III. Alternate Space