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Docket No. 50-255

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

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 31, 1987, which transmitted Revision 6 of Section 8, Maintaining Emergency Preparedness, and other minor changes in various sections of the Palisades Site Emergency Plan (SEP). Your August 10, 1987, submittal listed in Section 8.1.2 of the SEP some incorrect frequencies for communication tests with Federal, State, and local emergency response organizations. Our review of these SEP changes noted that the current revision of Section 8.1.2 correctly lists monthly communication tests with State and local governments within the plume exposure EPZ and quarterly communication tests with Federal and State emergency response organizations within the ingestion pathway. The revised Palisades SEP now corresponds with the guidance of Planning Standard N.2.a of NUREG-0654, Revision 1.

The other changes related to hospitals providing treatment to medical emergencies occurring at the Plant, including victims with radioactive contamination. The first alternate hospital is now the Mercy Memorial Medical Center, St. Joseph, Michigan. The second alternate hospital is Mercy Hospital, Benton Harbor, Michigan. South Haven Community Hospital, South Haven, Michigan remains the primary hospital facility. These changes are acceptable as listed in the various sections of the SEP.

Please be reminded that 10 CFR 50.54(q) requires NRC approval of any changes to your plan which may decrease the effectiveness of the plan. However, if your safety review indicates no decrease in emergency preparedness effectiveness, then changes can be made without prior NRC approval. In all cases, you must furnish copies of each proposed change to the NRC in accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(q). Also, any changes to the Emergency Plan Implementing Procedures should be made in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix E, Section V.

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

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If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Mr. James P. Patterson of my staff at (312) 790-5536.

Sincerely,

"Original signed by W.D. Shafer"

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