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Docket No. 50-255 90-12

Consumers Power Company
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Messrs. E. R. Swanson, J. K. Heller and J. F. Schapker during the period of March 9 through April 19, 1990, 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. G. B. Slade 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 described in the enclosed Notice. With respect to violation Number 1 the inspection showed that action had been taken to correct the identified violation and to prevent recurrence. Our understanding of your corrective actions are described in Paragraph 2.c of the enclosed inspection report. Consequently, no reply to the violation is required and we have no further questions regarding this matter at this time.

Regarding the remaining item, a written response is required.

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.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Brent Clayton, Chief
Reactor Projects Branch 2

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report
No. 50-255/90012(DRP)

cc w/enclosures:

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