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**DOCKET 50-255 - LICENSE DPR-20 - PALISADES PLANT -  
NOTIFICATION OF REASSIGNMENT OF LICENSED OPERATOR - FOLLOW-UP EVALUATION**

Consumers Power Company's letter of February 21, 1992 entitled, "Notification of Reassignment of Licensed Operator," stated that a licensed operator had been reassigned duties in 1990 and that the required 10CFR50.74(a) notification had not been made at that time. The letter also stated that we would provide the results of our evaluation of the cause of the event. This evaluation had been requested by Mr. T. Burdick of the NRC Region III staff. The results of our evaluation follow.

Following notification by the plant training department, near the end of June 1990, a letter to notify the NRC of the licensed operator reassignment was drafted in the General Office Nuclear Licensing Department. However, the letter was never finalized or submitted to the NRC. It is believed that a contributing cause of this personnel error was the June 28, 1990 announcement that the Nuclear Licensing Department was being dissolved and licensing duties were being moved to the plant sites. Also contributing to the error were the work control methods employed in Nuclear Licensing Department which left the responsibility to complete assignments with the assigned individual(s). This informal process was largely adequate, but in this instance no follow-up of the work progress was apparently made.

Current practice is for the licensing section head to issue job assignments. Each department licensing engineer maintains a task list which is routinely monitored. Jobs with required due dates are placed on a department calendar and given additional attention.

This event is considered an isolated incident and no corrective actions are considered necessary to prevent recurrence.

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