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Consumers Power Company
ATTN: Gerald B. Slade
General Manager
Palisades Nuclear Generating Plant
27780 Blue Star Memorial Highway
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We will gladly discuss any questions you may have regarding this matter.

Edward G. Greenman, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

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1. Discuss the apparent violations, their significance and root causes, and your corrective actions.
2. Discuss what steps you have taken to ensure that identification, control, and disposition of all future deficiencies occur on a schedule commensurate with their importance. This should not be limited to the environmental qualification area.
3. What assurance do you have that other current deficiencies are being processed in a timely manner?
4. Explain why the Impell Report, and its potential for containing other safety significant issues, was not discussed with the NRC staff when you requested the Temporary Waiver of Compliance.
5. Discuss what steps you will take to ensure that the environmental qualification program is audited more frequently.