

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Consumers Power Company
Palisades Nuclear Generating Plant

Docket No. 50-255
License No. DPR-20

During an NRC inspection conducted on August 22 through October 11, 1995, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600 (60FR34381, June 30, 1995), the violation is listed below:

10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3), states, in part, proposed alternatives to the requirements of paragraph (f) of this section (inservice testing) may be used when authorized by the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. Technical Specification 4.0.5.a states, in part, inservice testing of ASME Code Class 1, 2, and 3 pumps shall be performed in accordance with Section XI of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, except where specific written relief has been granted by the Commission.

Contrary to the above, as of September 1, 1995, the licensee had implemented a proposed alternative to the Code vibration acceptance criteria for the inservice testing of the containment spray and low pressure safety injection pumps, without prior NRC authorization. Relief Request number 4, submitted by the licensee on June 28, 1991, and revised by letter dated December 29, 1992, requested Commission approval of the proposed alternative, but was denied by the Commission in letters dated July 28, 1991, and April 20, 1995.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement I).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Consumers Power Company is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region III, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a Demand for Information may be issued to show cause why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

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Under the authority of Section 182 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 2232, this response shall be submitted under oath or affirmation.

Because your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), to the extent possible, it should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. However, if you find it necessary to include such information, you should clearly indicate the specific information that you desire not to be placed in the PDR, and provide the legal basis to support your request for withholding the information from the public.

Dated at Lisle, Illinois this
2nd day of November, 1995