

August 8, 1996  
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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT  
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Consumers Power Company (EA 96-131)  
Palisades Nuclear Generating Plant  
Docket No. 50-255

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$50,000

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of \$50,000 will be issued on or about August 13, 1996, to Consumers Power Company. The action is based on an inspection conducted at the Palisades Nuclear Generating Plant concerning 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix R, fire protection deficiencies that resulted in the facility being outside the design basis. One Severity Level III violation was cited.

In accordance with the Enforcement Policy, a base civil penalty in the amount of \$50,000 is considered for a Severity Level III violation. Because the NRC identified the violation, credit was not warranted for the factor of identification; however, the licensee's corrective action was considered prompt and comprehensive and credit was given for the factor of corrective action. Consideration of these factors resulted in the civil penalty being assessed at \$50,000.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Notice	August 13, 1996
Telephone Notification of Licensee	August 13, 1996

The State of Michigan will be notified.

The licensee has thirty days from the date of the Notice in which to respond. Following NRC evaluation of the response, the civil penalty may be remitted, mitigated, or imposed by Order.

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