

October 7, 1998

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SUBJECT: EVALUATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO NRC
GENERIC LETTER 97-05 FOR THE PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT
(TAC NO. MA0480)

Dear Mr. Haskell:

In a letter dated March 17, 1998, you submitted Consumers Energy Company's response to NRC Generic Letter (GL) 97-05, "Steam Generator Tube Inspection Techniques." The focus of GL 97-05 was to verify that licensee steam generator tube inspection practices were consistent with existing regulatory requirements and plant licensing bases. Your response to GL 97-05 included a description and technical basis for all inspection techniques used to size the depth of steam generator tube degradation at the Palisades Plant. The staff's review of your response did not identify any concerns with the steam generator tube inspection techniques employed at the Palisades Plant that would indicate that Consumers Energy is not in compliance with the current licensing basis for this facility.

This completes staff review of your response to GL 97-05. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (301) 415-1312.

Sincerely,
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