



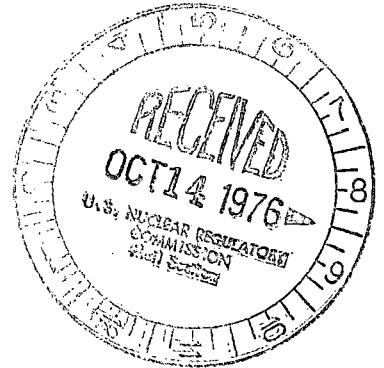
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Att: Mr Albert Schwencer, Chief  
Operating Reactor Branch No 1  
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555



DOCKET 50-255 - LICENSE DPR-20 -  
PALISADES PLANT - REACTOR  
VESSEL OVERPRESSURIZATION

By letter dated August 11, 1976 you advised us of your concern regarding instances of reactor vessel overpressurization in pressurized water reactor facilities. Your letter also requested a response which was to provide specific information. By letter dated September 3, 1976 we indicated that we would be able to respond to your request in about 30 days.

Since our last response, we have met with Combustion Engineering (CE) and other CE owners and have begun the development of both short-term and long-term solutions to this problem. We now expect to submit short-term solutions for our Palisades Plant about November 1, 1976.

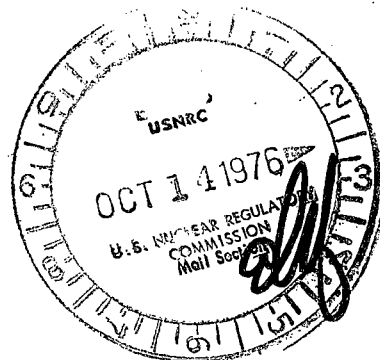
To effect a long-term solution(s), we plan to have a generic study performed and, following that, have specific plants considered. Our goal for submittal of a long-term solution(s) is now early February 1977. Equipment modification schedule, if any, would be submitted at that time.

We appreciate receiving the detailed information requested in our September 3, 1976 letter. It has helped us in obtaining a better prospective of the problem.

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