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Incoming: Maurice S. Reizen, MD, Director
From: Michigan Dept. of Public Health
3500 North Logan St.
To: Chairman Rowden Date 1/21
Subject: Consumer Power Co.'s request to amend license #DPR-20.

- [ ] Prepare reply for signature of:
  - [ ] Chairman
  - [ ] Commissioner _____
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- [x] For appropriate action
- [ ] For information
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HONORABLE MARCUS A ROWDEN, CHAIRMAN
U S NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON DC 20555

ATTENTION A SCHWENZER CHIEF OPERATING REACTORS BRANCH #1 DIVISION OF OPERATING REACTORS, REGARDING DOCKET 50-255

DEAR CHAIRMAN ROWDEN

THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS RECEIVED A "NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE" WHICH RELATES TO A REQUEST OF CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY DATED NOVEMBER 16 1976 TO AMEND LICENSE #DPR-20, AS WE UNDERSTAND THE CONSUMERS POWER COMPANYS REQUEST IT WOULD ALLOW AN INCREASED FUEL STORAGE CAPACITY FROM 276 TO 798 ASSEMBLIES.

THE INCREASED CAPACITY WOULD ALLOW 422 ADDITIONAL SPENT FUEL ASSEMBLIES TO BE STORED AT THE PALISADES SITE WHICH SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASES THE POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS

THE STAFF OF THIS DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING "CONSUMERS POWER COMPANYS PALISADES NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION SPENT FUEL POOL MODIFICATION DESCRIPTION AND SAFETY ANALYSIS" AND QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE U S NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION AS WELL AS OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO THIS MATTER

WHILE OUR REVIEW IS NOT COMPLETED THIS DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO RAISE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPACT OF THE ADDED SPENT FUEL STORAGE CAPACITY

I AM ASKING THAT THE U S NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION APPROVAL OF CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY'S REQUEST BE DELAYED UNTIL THE HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES ARE SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED WITH THIS DEPARTMENT

OUR QUESTIONS WILL BE ADDRESSED TO THE U S NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION, WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AT THIS TIME HOWEVER, THIS MAY BECOME NECESSARY AT A LATER DATE, WE WILL FOLLOW THIS WITH A LETTER DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24 1977 SETTING FORTH OUR CONCERNS. SINCERELY

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