

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDOCKET NO. 50-255CONSUMERS POWER COMPANYNOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO PROVISIONAL  
OPERATING LICENSE

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 51 to Provisional Operating License No. DPR-20, issued to Consumers Power Company (the licensee), which revised Technical Specifications for operation of the Palisades Plant (the facility) located in Covert Township, Van Buren County, Michigan. The amendment is effective as of its date of issuance.

The amendment authorizes changes that will enhance low temperature overpressure protection and increase assurance that the reactor vessel will not be subjected to pressure transients which could exceed the limits established in accordance with Appendix G of 10 CFR Part 50.

The application for the amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment. Prior public notice of this amendment was not required since the amendment did not involve a significant hazards consideration.

The Commission has determined that the issuance of this amendment will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4) an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

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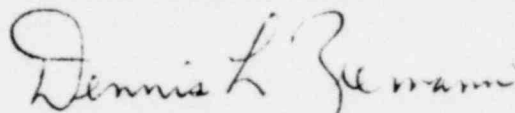
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For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated January 3, 1978, and supporting information transmitted by letters dated March 8, 1977, June 24, 1977, and November 28, 1977, (2) Amendment No. 51 to License No. DPR-20, and (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. and at the Kalamazoo Public Library, 315 South Rose Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49006. A copy of items (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Operating Reactors.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 10th day of September, 1979.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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