

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. 49 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 increases the enrichment limit for fuel assemblies in the new and spent fuel storage racks.

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 does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

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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 issuance of this amendment.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated December 18, 1978, and supplement thereto dated January 12, 1979, (2) Amendment No. 49 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 29th day of May, 1979.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION


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