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Dear Mr. Cook:

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MEMORANDUM FOR: W. T. Crow, Section Leader, Uranium Process Licensing

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Fuel Cycle and Material Safety, NMSS

FROM:

W. D. Shafer, Chief, Section 2, Midland

SUBJECT:

CONSUMERS POWER - MIDLAND PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2:

PART 70 LICENSE APPLICATION

In recent weeks, it has been noted that the licensee, Consumers Power Company, has increased their activity to procure a 10 CFR Part 70 license to receive, inspect, possess, store and package for Cansport special nuclear materials in the form of new, unirradiated nuclear fuel assemblies. In January, 1983, issuance of a Special Nuclear Material License was discussed with Mr. M. H. Killinger, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards. At this time, we voiced an objection to Consumers Power Company receiving such a license for storage of special nuclear material in the "power block" area and questioned the wisdom of storing fuel on site in areas other than the "power block."

Our concerns about Consumers Power Company receiving a license are primarily based upon the extensiveness of the remedial soils work and the subsequent potential for this work to impact the Auxiliary Building - the proposed fuel storage location. The NRC concerns towards potential damage to the Auxiliary Building during the soils work have resulted in requiring the licensee to extensively instrument and monitor the movement of the Auxiliary Building and other structures.

In light of the above described concerns we recommend that the Part 70 license not be issued until the remedial soils work on the Auxiliary Building has been completed.

W. D. Shafer Chief Section 2, Midland

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