

8005014327
TIC Q



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION III
799 ROOSEVELT ROAD
GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS 60137

April 16, 1980

Docket No. 50-255

Consumers Power Company
ATTN: Mr. R. B. DeWitt
Vice President
Nuclear Operations
212 West Michigan Avenue
Jackson, MI 49201

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter dated April 8, 1980, informing us of the steps you have taken to correct the noncompliance identified in our letter dated March 6, 1980. We will examine your corrective action during a future inspection.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. F. Heishman".

R. F. Heishman, Chief
Reactor Operations and
Nuclear Support Branch

cc:
Mr. D. P. Hoffman, Nuclear
Licensing Administrator
Mr. J. G. Lewis, Manager

cc w/ltr dtd 4/8/80:
Central Files
Reproduction Units NRC 20b
PDR
Local PDR
NSIC
TIC
Ronald Callen, Michigan
Public Service Commission
Myron M. Cherry, Chicago



**Consumers
Power
Company**

Dup of
8004140334
Q

General Offices: 212 West Michigan Avenue, Jackson, Michigan 49201 • Area Code 517 788-0550

April 8, 1980

Mr James G Keppler
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
Region III
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

DOCKET 50-255 - LICENSE DPR-20 -
PALISADES PLANT - RESPONSE TO
IE INSPECTION REPORT 80-02

Consumers Power Company's response to the alleged infraction noted in IE
Inspection 80-02 dated March 6, 1980 is as follows:

Item

10 CFR 50, Appendix J, Section IV.A requires, in part "...replacement of a component which is part of the primary reactor containment boundary,...shall be followed by a Type A, Type B, or Type C test, as applicable...."

Contrary to the above, the licensee periodically removes a pipe cap on the containment pressure instrument lines to test and calibrate the pressure transmitters and switches. Although the pipe cap is part of the primary containment boundary, no leak test was performed after replacement of the cap following instrument testing on June 5 and on July 2, 1979. The reactor was operated at power after both tests.

Response

Corrective Action Taken and Results Achieved - The subject instrument line is presently being modified (described in the next section), therefore, eliminating any corrective action to the system as it was found during the inspection.

Corrective Action Taken To Avoid Further Penetration
illustrates the penetration of the cap which
existed during the subject inspection.

DUPLICATE DOCUMENT

Entire document previously entered into system under:

ANO 8004140334

No. of pages: 4