

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.

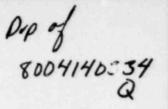
Sincerely,

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

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

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April 8, 1980

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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

<u>Corrective Action Taken and Results Achieved</u> - 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.

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