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Docket No. 50-255

Consumers Power Company
ATTN: David P. Hoffman
Vice President
Nuclear Operations
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Jackson, MI 49201

Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. C. F. Gill of this office during the period August 14 through October 9, 1988, of activities at Palisades Nuclear Generating Plant authorized by NRC Provisional Operating License No. DPR-20 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. W. L. Beckman and others of your staff following the inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel. The inspection included a review of findings from an investigation of a radioactive waste shipment from Palisades conducted on November 28, 1988, by representatives of the Department of Health and Environmental Control, State of South Carolina, upon arrival at the Barnwell, South Carolina low-level waste burial site. The results of the State's investigation were conveyed to your company by a letter dated December 6, 1988, from the State of South Carolina.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as described in the enclosed Notice. The inspection showed that actions had been taken to correct the identified violations and to prevent recurrence. Our understanding of your corrective actions is described in Sections 9 and 13 of the enclosed inspection report. Consequently, no reply to the violations is required and we have no further questions regarding these matters at this time.

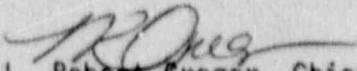
In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,


L. Robert Greger, Chief
Reactor Programs Branch

Enclosures:

- 1. Notice of Violation
- 2. Inspection Report
No. 50-255/89025(DRSS)


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
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