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Consumers Power Company
ATTN: Mr. Stephen Howell
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Gentlemen:

We have reviewed your letter of October 29, 1976 discussing mitigating circumstances regarding the items of noncompliance identified in our letter of August 13, 1976. In view of the several meetings and exchange of correspondence between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Consumers Power Company regarding the noncompliance items identified in the "Notice of Violation," we are concerned that an apparent misunderstanding exists relative to the issues involved. In this regard, we wish to reiterate our basic concern that the Consumers Power Company quality assurance/quality control program did not identify the cause or recurring nature of the improper placement of reinforcement steel in safety-related concrete structures such that repetition could be prevented. Although we agree that your explanation of mitigating circumstances is not completely documented in our reports and correspondence, it is our position that your explanation of mitigating circumstances does not change the noncompliance.

As Messrs. Hayes and Jordan of our Region III office discussed with you by phone on November 17, 1976, we are not in complete agreement with several of the comments contained in your letter. However, based on your stated understanding of our concerns and the need for the corrective action detailed in your letters of June 18 and June 24, 1976, further correspondence relative to these matters does not appear necessary or warranted.

Should you have any further questions, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Dudley Thompson, Acting Director
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