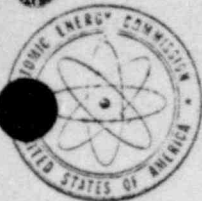


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J. P. O'Reilly, Chief, Reactor Inspection and Enforcement Branch
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COMPLIANCE INQUIRY MEMORANDUM
 CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY (MIDLAND UNITS 1 AND 2)
 DOCKET NOS. 50-329 AND 50-330
 TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION SHUTDOWN

Attached is a verbatim copy of a news release by the applicant concerned with a temporary shutdown of plant construction. The attached copy reflects a telephone reading of the news release by Mr. G. Keeley, Executive Manager, Generating Plant Projects, to our inspector on November 17, 1970.

Mr. Keeley said that the release was given general distribution to the news media and that there had been both newspaper and radio coverage of the story.

We intend to visit the site in early January 1971, to review construction site security measures and the status of construction in relation to the applicant's construction permit exemption. During the visit we also plan to evaluate measures initiated to protect existing plant construction from adverse weather conditions during the shutdown.

W. E. Vetter

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Attachment:
 News Release

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NEWS RELEASE

Midland, Michigan - November 14 - Consumers Power Company announced today that it is shutting down construction of the proposed nuclear power plant near Midland, Michigan, pending receipt of a construction permit from the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission. The AEC has scheduled hearings on the construction permit for December 1 with a pre-trial hearing scheduled for November 17. Russell C. Youngdahl, Senior Vice President for Engineering and Construction, said the company had hoped to have a construction permit by the beginning of 1971. Meanwhile, the company proceeded with site preparations and other works which could be undertaken prior to issuance of a construction permit. Mr. Youngdahl added it is clear that the company is not likely to have an AEC construction permit when it was anticipated. In addition, we have performed most of the construction work we had planned to do before issuance of the permit. We, therefore, are closing down the job until the permit is received. Upon completion of Midland facility; this will be the first dual purpose nuclear plant in the nation. It is designed to produce 1.3 million Kw electricity and at the same time will supply up to 4 million pounds of processed steam per hour to the Dow Chemical Company Midland complex. Decision to build the plant was announced by Consumers Power Company in December 1967. Site clearance began in 1968.