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DOCKET 50-155 - LICENSE DPR-6 -BIG ROCK FOINT PLANT - CLARIFICATION TO LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 1, 1977

By letter dated February 1, 1977, Consumers Power Company responded to two infractions and one deficiency contained in IE Inspection Report 050-155/76-22. Conversations with your staff subsequent to that letter indicated that further clarification of a response to one of the infractions was necessary. The purpose of this letter is to provide that clarification.

Infraction

"Contrary to 10 CFR 20.203(c)(3), the locked doors and gates used to control access to high radiation areas in the reactor facility are not established in such a way that no individual will be prevented from leaving a high radiation area."

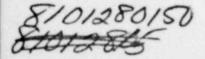
Response

Consumers Power Company previously stipulated that all high radiation area doors and gates have external locks which are disabled upon entry, ensuring that no personnel could be inadvertently locked inside. Further, that most of the high radiation areas have entry rooms where radiation areas range from 5 to 30 milliroentgen per hour meeting the criteria of 10 CFR 20.203(c)(2)(i), and that during the vast majority of entries into the high radiation areas a Health Physics Technician is stationed outside the entrance to control, among other duties, access to the area.

In order to clarify our previous position and ensure an even more rigorous compliance with 10 CFR 20.203(c)(3), whenever an entry is made into a high radiation area that does not neet the criteria of 10 CFR 20.203(c)(2)(i), personnel will be stationed outside the high radiation area to control access. We are confident that this action fully meets the intent and scope of 10 CFR 20.203(c)(3).

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