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Facility: Consumers Power Company
Palisades Nuclear Power Plant
Docket: 50-255
Covert, MI 49043

Licensee Emergency Classification:
XX Notification of Unusual Event
 Alert
 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 Not Applicable

Subject: SHUTDOWN FOR REPAIR OF STEAM GENERATOR TUBE LEAKAGE IN EXCESS OF TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION LIMIT

The licensee began a controlled reactor shutdown March 23, 1982, after tube leakage within the A steam generator exceeded the Technical Specification limit of 0.30 gallons per minute. Leakage from the primary system into the secondary system within the steam generator has been increasing slowly for the past four days, and measurements at 6 a.m. (CST) determined the leakage to be 0.33 gallons per minute, exceeding the Technical Specification limit. The plant is expected to be off line by 11 p.m. (CST).

The steam generator inspection and repair is expected to last about three weeks.

When the leakage was determined to be in excess of Technical Specifications, the licensee declared it to be an Unusual Event under its Emergency Plan.

The State of Michigan was notified by the licensee. The State of Michigan will also be notified by Region III (Chicago). The licensee plans to issue a news release. Region III will respond to news media inquiries.

The NRC duty officer was notified of the steam generator tube leakage at 9 a.m., March 23, 1982, by the Emergency Notification System telephone. Additional details were provided by the resident inspector. This information is current as of 10 a.m. (EST), March 23, 1982.

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