

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Consumers Power Company
Palisades Nuclear Generating Plant

Docket No. 50-255
License No. DPR-20

During an NRC inspection conducted on March 23 through May 17, 1993, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1993), the violation is listed below:


Technical Specification 6.8.1.b requires implementation of procedures for fuel handling activities. Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 28, "Fuel handling System," implements this requirement. Attachment 5 of SOP 28 requires permission of the shift supervisor prior to use of the spent fuel pool handling machine "Override Key Switch."

Contrary to the above, on March 21, 1993, an operator used the spent fuel pool handling machine "Override Key Switch" without permission of the Shift Supervisor. A machine malfunction resulted in which the main cable became partially unwrapped and an attached spent fuel assembly dropped about six inches.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement I).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Consumers Power Company is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region III, 799 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, 60137, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the Palisades Nuclear Generating Plant within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a demand for information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Dated at Glen Ellyn, Illinois
this 28th day of May 1993


for W. D. Shafer, Chief
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