



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION III
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OCT 14 1993

Docket No. 50-255

Consumers Power Company
ATTN: Gerald B. Slade
General Manager
Palisades Nuclear Generating Plant
27780 Blue Star Memorial Highway
Covert, MI 49043-9530

Dear Mr. Slade:

SUBJECT: ROUTINE RESIDENT INSPECTION AT PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. M. E. Parker, D. G. Passehl, and C. N. Orsini of this office, and B. C. McCabe of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, from August 13 through September 29, 1993. The inspection included a review of authorized activities for your Palisades Nuclear Generating Facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

During this inspection a cooldown of the primary coolant system occurred that exceeded the limit stated in the technical specifications. This is of concern because it appears to have been caused by operator inattentiveness, compounded by an inadequate or ineffective primary system cooldown procedure. It also suggests that you continue to experience operator errors that were identified as a previous weakness. An unresolved item was identified for this issue.

No violations of NRC requirements were identified during the course of this inspection.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

T. Kobetz, Acting Chief
Reactor Projects Section 2A

Enclosures:

- 1. Inspection Report
No. 50-255/93021(DRP)
- 2. Attachment 1
TI2500/028 Questionnaire

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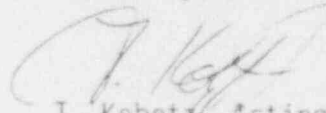
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