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In Joe Colvin's letter on October 30, 1990 the Nuclear Management and Resources Council, Inc. (NUMARC) submitted comments on the proposed rule, "Fitness-for-Duty Programs: Nuclear Power Plant Personnel" (55 Fed Reg 35648-August 30, 1990), on behalf of the nuclear power industry.

Consumers Power Company endorses the NUMARC comments to oppose the proposed change to the Fitness-for-Duty Rule, 10 CFR Part 26. We believe the current rule provides licensees with the flexibility to exercise management prerogative in taking prudent action in cases where an individual may be impaired and pose a potential safety hazard. This flexibility to remove individuals from certain activities pending confirmation of a preliminary positive test is imperative to conduct safe operations.

We, therefore, do not support the proposed amendment and conclude that the current Part 26 is adequate in its present form.

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