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The Honorable Donald W. Riegler, Jr.
United States Senator
Suite 716 Federal Building
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Dear Senator Riegler:

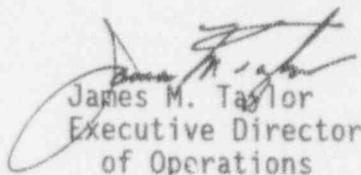
This is in response to your October 29, 1993, letter to the Office of Congressional Affairs, on behalf of Ms. Corinne Carey of Grand Rapids, Michigan, requesting a copy of a Westinghouse report addressing a shutdown margin calculation for the Palisades Plant.

As indicated in the NRC Weekly Information Report dated August 27, 1993, as referenced by Ms. Carey, Westinghouse performed a detailed shutdown margin calculation for the Palisades spent fuel pool. This calculation was performed using an NRC accepted methodology and a very conservative assumption that there were no neutron absorbers in the spent fuel pool. The resulting shutdown margin of 0.947 is acceptable. This Westinghouse calculation methodology and its results were discussed in a meeting with the licensee on November 19, 1993, at NRC Headquarters. The staff finds the Westinghouse calculation satisfactory and notes the conservatisms assumed in performing the analysis.

The licensee does not intend to docket the Westinghouse report containing their calculations. As reports such as this are the property of the licensee, Consumers Power Company or their contractor, Westinghouse, Ms. Carey may want to contact either of these companies regarding the availability of the report.

If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


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