

December 28, 1982

Docket No. 50-155

Consumers Power Company
ATTN: Mr. R. B. DeWitt
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the NRC's Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) of the Big Rock Point Nuclear Plant and our meeting of October 28, 1982, to review the results of that assessment covering the period July 1, 1981 through June 30, 1982. A copy of the SALP 3 Report was provided for your review in advance of the meeting. Enclosed is the final SALP 3 Report that incorporates the SALP Board Chairman's letter to you and your letter of November 17, 1982.

In addition to the assessments and recommendations made by the SALP Board in the enclosed SALP Report, it is my view that Consumers Power Company's overall regulatory performance at the Big Rock Point Nuclear Plant continued at an above average level during the assessment period. It is evident that safe operation and compliance with regulatory requirements are priority considerations at Big Rock Point. I concur, however, with the SALP Board findings that management attention is required to correct problems in the area of Radiological Controls and the long standing problems associated with the existing perimeter alarm system.

In regard to your letter of November 17, 1982 and the telephone conference call of December 9, 1982 with members of the regional staff, we will work with you to help expedite a resolution to the perimeter alarm system problems.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the SALP Report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

No reply to this letter is required; however, should you have any questions concerning these matters, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
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Enclosure: SALP 3 Report
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