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Facility: Consumers Power Company
Midland Nuclear Power Plant
Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-329
50-330
Midland, MI 48640

Licensee Emergency Classification:
____ Notification of Unusual Event
____ Alert
____ Site Area Emergency
____ General Emergency
XXXX Not Applicable

Subject: STOP WORK ORDER ON REMEDIAL SOILS WORK

Consumers Power Company issued a stop work order for ongoing preparatory remedial soils work on September 24, 1982, as a result of an NRC inspection which identified problems with the certification testing of quality control personnel. The work will remain stopped until a written examination is developed for quality control personnel, and a retraining program is established for those failing the examination. There were no major underpinning activities authorized or taking place prior to the stop work on the preliminary remedial soils work. A Confirmatory Action Letter was issued by Region III (Chicago) on September 27.

On September 23-24 Region III (Chicago) inspectors reviewed the certification program for Bechtel quality control personnel assigned to the remedial soils work. The Bechtel personnel are being incorporated into the Consumers Power Company quality control organization and are to be recertified before performing further QC inspections. Region III inspectors found that the recertification oral testing procedures and test content were unsatisfactory.

Neither Region III nor the licensee plan to issue a news announcement on the stop work order, although news media attention is possible because of continuing public interest in the Midland project. Region III will respond to any inquiries.

The State of Michigan will be notified.

Region III learned of the stop work order on September 24. The Confirmatory Action Letter was issued on September 27. This information is current as of 11:00 a.m. (CDT), September 27, 1982.

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