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Facility: Consumers Power Company
 Midland Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2
 Docket No.: 50-329
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 Midland, MI 48640

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

Subject: POTENTIAL 50.55(e) REPORT - IMPROPER CABLES

The licensee has reported a potential 50.55(e) to Region III (Chicago) involving the unauthorized substitution of Class 1E cables. To date, approximately 500 Class 1E cables have been reinspected by the licensee. Four of the 500 were below specified size. The four were 14 gauge cables instead of the required 10 gauge cables. These cables feed four decay heat cooldown and return isolation valves, which are safety-related.

The licensee is conducting the reinspection as required previously by Region III to resolve previous Class 1E cable misinstallations. The reinspection of Class 1E cables is continuing. The substituted cables were discovered when inspectors were told to read the cable jacket inscriptions to verify cable size instead of the attached cable tags. The licensee will issue a written report on the findings by November 27, 1982.

Some news media interest is expected. During the week of October 11, 1982, a Detroit television station broadcast a series of reports on construction deficiencies at Midland. One of the allegations in that series concerned unauthorized cable substitutions.

The licensee is preparing a news release. Region III (Chicago) will respond to inquiries.

The State of Michigan will be notified.

Region III was notified of the potential 50.55(e) at 11:30 a.m. (CDT) on October 28, 1982. This information is current as of 4:00 p.m. (CDT), October 28, 1982.

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