

DMB

October 28, 1982

Docket No. 50-255

Consumers Power Company
ATTN: Mr. R. B. DeWitt
Vice President
Nuclear Operations
212 West Michigan Avenue
Jackson, MI 49201

Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by N. A. Nicholson and S. Rozak of this office on September 20-24, 1982, of activities at Palisades Nuclear Generating Plant authorized by NRC Operating License No. DPR-20 and to the discussion of our findings with R. E. McCaleb and other onsite staff members at the conclusion of the inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel. In addition, our Mobile Laboratory was at the site during the inspection to perform independent measurements of radioactivity.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in non-compliance with NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Appendix A written response is required.

In addition to the items of noncompliance we are concerned with the weak state of the Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program as has been identified in our inspection and in your own audits of this program.

We understand the need for significant improvement of this program is recognized by your management. We therefore request that within thirty days of the receipt of this letter you submit to this office your plans for corrective action including a timetable for accomplishment.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you (or your contractors) believe to be exempt from disclosure under

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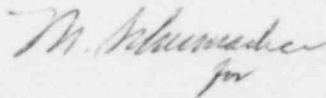
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10 CFR 9.5(a)(4), it is necessary that you (a) notify this office by telephone within ten (10) days from the date of this letter of your intention to file a request for withholding; and (b) submit within twenty-five (25) days from the date of this letter a written application to this office to withhold such information. If your receipt of this letter has been delayed such that less than seven (7) days are available for your review, please notify this office promptly so that a new due date may be established. Consistent with Section 2.790(b)(1), any such application must be accompanied by an affidavit executed by the owner of the information which identifies the document or part sought to be withheld, and which contains a full statement of the reasons which are the bases for the claim that the information should be withheld from public disclosure. This section further requires the statement to address with specificity the considerations listed in 10 CFR 2.790(b)(4). The information sought to be withheld shall be incorporated as far as possible into a separate part of the affidavit. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified periods noted above, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter (and the accompanying Notice) are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980. PL 96-511.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,



C. J. Paperiello, Chief
Emergency Preparedness and
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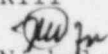
Enclosures:

1. Appendix, Notice
of Violation
2. Inspection Report
No. 50-255/82-22(DEPOS)

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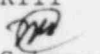

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
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