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Licensee: Consumers Power Company
212 West Michigan Avenue
Jackson, MI 49201

Facility Name: Palisades Nuclear Generating Plant

Management Meeting At: Palisades Site, Covert, MI

Management Meeting Conducted: September 8, 1982

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Management Meeting Summary

Management Meeting on September 8, 1982 (Report No. 50-255/82-21(DPRP))
Areas Discussed: A special meeting, requested by the licensee, was held to inform the Nuclear Regulatory Commission of the current status of Consumers Power Company's program for meeting the requirements of the Confirmatory Order of March 9, 1981.

DETAILS

1. Attendance

Consumers Power Company (CPCo)

J. W. Reynolds, Executive Vice President, Energy Supply
R. B. DeWitt, Vice President, Nuclear Operations
F. W. Buckman, Executive Director, Nuclear Activities Department
R. W. Montross, General Manager, Palisades
D. M. Vandewalle, Nuclear Licensing Administrator
T. W. Elward, Director, Planning and Administration
P. E. Elbert, Director, Nuclear Training
J. F. Firlit, Director, Quality Assurance-Nuclear Operations
J. J. Fremeau, General Supervisor, QA-NOD
R. M. Krich, Technical Engineer
D. W. Rogers, Licensing Analyst

Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)

J. G. Keppler, Regional Administrator, Region III
R. L. Spessard, Director, Division of Project and Resident Programs
L. A. Reyes, Chief, Reactor Projects, Section 2B
B. L. Jorgensen, Senior Resident Inspector
J. K. Heller, Resident Inspector

2. Introduction

Brief introductory remarks were presented by Mr. R. E. DeWitt, who provided some of his perspectives on the licensee's Regulatory Performance Improvement Program (RPIP). He indicated that program milestones have been and continue to be met. He stated it has required a great deal of effort and the licensee is committed to continued effort and success.

Mr. J. G. Keppler commented that regulatory performance does appear to be showing discernible improvement.

3. Formal Presentation

The formal presentation was conducted per the following agenda:

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| Plant Status Update | R. W. Montross - Plant Manager |
| Reactor Operator Licenses | R. W. Montross - Plant Manager |
| Training Programs and Facilities | P. A. Elbert - Director, Nuclear Operations Training Department |
| Implementation of Nuclear Activities Plant | F. W. Buckman - Executive Director, Nuclear Activities Department |

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| Upgrade of QC Inspection Program | J. F. Firlit - Director, Quality Assurance |
| Implementation of NOD Standards | J. F. Firlit - Director, Quality Assurance |
| LCO Program Manual | W. S. Skibitsky - Operations Superintendent |

During the above discussions, Mr. Montross addressed the recent findings of bronze valves in two safety systems where stainless steel valves should be; and reviewed recent staff changes at the plant.

Mr. Elbert stated the Training Department staffing is now complete at Palisades, however, the licensee is still pursuing SRO licensing for instructors employed by CPCo to replace contract instructors. Program development and documentation status were discussed. Mr. Elbert stated the Nuclear Training Center (NTC) at the Midland site has been completed and the installation of a site specific simulator for Palisades at the NTC is proceeding on schedule.

Mr. Buckman provided a summary of plans and their status relating to the inception of an onsite Nuclear Activities Plant Organization for the various sites, including Palisades. Background information, functions, organizational structure and staffing were also discussed.

Mr. Firlit stated the milestone for completion of QC program upgrading had been met. He further indicated two milestones relating to management systems improvement, submittal of a new QA Topical Report and development of NOD standards, had been met. He indicated CPCo expects to request extension of the milestone involving expansion and revision of site maintenance procedures; so it can be done by CPCo personnel rather than contractors.

Mr. D. J. Vandewalle concluded the formal presentation with an item-by-item review of NRC Orders on the Palisades license discussing actions taken by CPCo, current plans, and providing justification for termination of Order requirements. Questions were raised by NRC staff on some items and licensee personnel either provided clarification or committed to provide further information in the near future.

4. Conclusion

The licensee requested the NRC to lift the Orders of November 9, 1979, and March 10, 1981 based on Regulatory Performance Improvement Program implementation and results to date, as supported by item-by-item review. Mr. Keppler indicated this request would be considered. Mr. Keppler also indicated routine RPIP status meetings no longer appear necessary, as few program items remain to be accomplished. He repeated his earlier comment indicating discernible regulatory performance improvement at Palisades over the last year or two, and expressed NRC's interest in how the plant and staff will perform over the coming months in an operating status.