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Facility: Consumers Power Company
 Midland Nuclear Power Station
 Units 1 & 2
 Docket Nos. 50-329
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 Midland, MI 48640

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 _____ Site Area Emergency
 _____ General Emergency
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Subject: MAJOR REDUCTION IN SAFETY-RELATED WORK

Consumers Power Company notified Region III (Chicago) personnel December 2, 1982 that it was substantially reducing the amount of safety-related work at the Midland site.

The manual construction work force has been cut by 1,000, leaving a total of 4,000 licensee and contractor personnel at the site.

Region III performed an inspection in October-November 1982 which identified significant quality assurance and equipment installation concerns in the diesel generator building. Partially in response to the NRC findings, the licensee is developing a new project completion plan to address these concerns and to improve the control of work activities. This plan led to the reduction in work force. The licensee's plan includes reducing most safety-related construction work, recertifying all quality control personnel, and developing a program for a 100 per cent reinspection of all installed safety-related components and structures. Ongoing inspection and maintenance activities, the remedial soils work, and nuclear steam supply system work being performed by Babcock and Wilcox are not affected by the work reduction. The licensee plans to develop engineering and construction teams, each responsible for the completion of one or more safety-systems.

The licensee issued the attached news announcement on December 3, 1982. Region III is responding to news media inquiries.

The State of Michigan will be notified.

Region III personnel at the Midland site were notified of the licensee's actions during a meeting which began at 10:30 a.m. (EST), December 2, 1982. This information is current as of 10 a.m. (EST) December 3, 1982.

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MIDLAND, December 3, 1982 -- Consumers Power Company has initiated a new systems completion plan at the Midland Nuclear Cogeneration Plant. The innovative approach will provide more efficient control over the completion of work at the nuclear plant, according to Consumers Power Company Site Manager, Donald B. Miller.

The Midland Plant is now 85 percent complete.

"We have initiated this completion plan to develop a w detailed assessment of the work remaining to be done on the systems in the auxiliary building, diesel generator building and containment buildings," Miller said. "The program will be carried out by design and test engineers, quality assurance personnel and construction forces who will work as coordinated teams to implement the program."

Another major objective of the plan is to improve the project's performance in meeting the regulations and expectations of the U S Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Miller added. The program was outlined to the NRC at a meeting Thursday.

Miller said implementation of the plan results in the reduction of the manual construction workforce by 1,000, leaving approximately 4,000 people at work on the Midland site. The workforce had been gradually reduced in recent months because of job completion in containment areas but the plan caused a larger layoff.

Miller stated that additional specialized staff will be required to carry out the program, and some of the construction force will be recalled later.

Miller also noted that work will continue on the nuclear steam supply system, the turbine building and miscellaneous systems.

The first phase of the system completion program will be to remove all construction material and temporary equipment from the buildings included in the program. Each facility will then be cleaned, and the system completion teams will carry out their reinspections on an area by area basis.

As each area is reinspected and the results analyzed, the systems completion team will oversee the completion of any needed remaining work. The completed systems will then be turned over to Consumers Power for checkout and startup testing.

Miller said that the systems completion program work will be done in parallel with underground foundation work. The Company has started part of the foundation work, but is awaiting permission from the NRC to complete the underground work. The foundation will resolve the plant's soils compaction problem and add seismic protection to the plant to meet more stringent earthquake protection requirements than were called for in the plant's initial design. Because of the delay in completing the foundation work, the Company announced November 9 that it was re-evaluating the project completion dates and schedules.