

April 22, 1983

Ms. Kathleen B. Romo  
2017 Adams Blvd.  
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Dear Ms. Romo:

Thank you for your letter of March 24, 1983, on the Midland Plant, expressing concern for doctored weld x-rays, and for problems with heating and ventilation systems, reactor vessel embrittlement, and soils compaction. Your letter requests (1) an independent audit of the plant at the earliest opportunity, and (2) more public meetings like the one on February 8, 1983.

The soils compaction problem and the technical and quality assurance concerns in your letter are being addressed by the hearings presently in progress in the Midland area.

Regarding your request for an independent audit, three independent audits are in-progress or planned at the Midland site. An independent contractor, Stone and Webster, is performing a third-party assessment of construction of a 30-foot deep underpinning wall beneath the portions of two buildings affected by the soils compaction problem. Another independent audit is proposed to assess design and construction adequacy using three safety systems as a sample (the system providing emergency feedwater to the steam generators; the emergency diesel generator power system; and the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system for the Control Room). Consumers Power Company has selected the TERA Corporation for this proposed audit, subject to NRC approval. Our review of TERA will be completed in April 1983. The third independent audit has been proposed recently to overview a significant reinspection effort by Consumers Power Company (called a Construction Completion Program) for safety related equipment at the plant. Independent auditors are to observe the execution of the Construction Completion Program and the corrective actions resulting from any deficiencies found. The NRC is presently awaiting further information from Consumers Power Company regarding this third audit.

I am most appreciative of the attendance and expressions of concern at the public meeting of February 8, 1983. Further public meetings will be scheduled at appropriate points in the licensing review.

Sincerely,

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