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November 21, 1994

Consumers Power Company
ATTN: T. Palmisano
General Manager
Palisades Nuclear Generating Plant
27780 Blue Star Memorial Highway
Covert, MI 49043-9530

SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF ACCESS AUTHORIZATION ISSUE

Dear Mr. Palmisano:

This refers to a reactive inspection conducted by Mr. T. J. Madeda of this office between October 18 and 31, 1994, regarding activities at your Palisades Nuclear Power Plant. The inspection included a review of a specific licensee identified issue relating to your access authorization program. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with Mr. B. Zincent and other members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records and interviews with personnel.

During the inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements. One non-cited violation was identified and is discussed in Section 3 of the enclosed report. The licensee identified violation involved a failure to identify derogatory information during the personnel access authorization background screening process. Corrective action was implemented. The violation is not being cited because the criteria specified in Section VII.B of the "General Statement of Policy and Procedures for NRC Enforcement Action," (Enforcement Policy, 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C), were satisfied.

The individuals who had access did not represent a threat to the facility, so the direct safety significance of this issue was small. However, more serious problems could have resulted. Your actions to correct this situation appear to adequately address the problem.

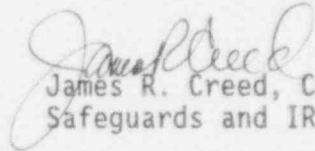
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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,


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 Safeguards and IR Section

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Enclosure: Inspection Report
No. 50-255/94019(DRSS)

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