

April 29, 1983

Ms. Kathleen Blondin Romo
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Dear Ms. Romo:

This is in response to your recent letter concerning the Midland Nuclear Plant under construction in Midland, Michigan.

Your letter had a two-fold request: "An independent audit at the earliest possible time" of the Midland plant, and "more public meetings."

As you may know, Consumers Power has proposed a "Construction Completion Program," which is designed to correct any past deficiencies at the plant while establishing a program for future construction. The Construction Completion Programs will include two independent, third-party firms to (1) conduct a design and construction verification program on two or more safety systems, and (2) overview the Construction Completion Program itself.

Consumers Power already has employed an independent company, Stone and Webster, to overview remedial work on the soil settlement problems at the site. Stone and Webster, has been approved by the NRC staff for this review. The review organizations for the Construction Completion Program and the design and construction verification have not yet been approved by the NRC.

As for public meetings, you mentioned the one held last February. It has been, and will continue to be, the NRC's policy to open meetings to the public, when practical. We believe this is necessary to foster continued public confidence in the regulatory process. We also plan to find larger quarters when we next hold a meeting similar to the February 8 session.

If I can be of further assistance please let me know.

Sincerely,

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