

NOTICE OF DEVIATION

Consumers Power Company
Palisades Nuclear Power Plant

Docket No. 50-255
License No. DPR-20

During an NRC inspection conducted November 4 through December 13, 1991, deviations of your Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) were identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Action," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1991), the deviations are listed below:

1. FSAR Section 8.4.1.3 states that each emergency diesel generator (EDG) has two separate independent starting motors and to assure reliability, each EDG has two independent start circuits on separate dc sources.

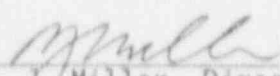
Contrary to the above, on December 13, 1991, the team identified that the start circuits were not independent since a loss of the "B" start circuit or loss of the field flashing unit would prevent the emergency diesel generator from starting within the required 10 seconds.

2. FSAR Section 8.4.1.3 states that each Diesel Generator (DG) is provided with a remote "Control Switch Not in Automatic" alarm in the control room.

Contrary to the above, as of December 13, 1991, with the diesel generator remote/local transfer switch in "Local", there was no alarm indication in the control room to notify the operator that the capability of the diesel generator to start automatically is defeated.

Please provide to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555, with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region III, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, in writing within 30 days of the date of this Notice, the reason for the deviations, the corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved, the corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further deviations, and the date when your corrective action will be completed. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Dated at Glen Ellyn, Illinois
this 31st day of Jan, 1992


H. J. Miller, Director
Division of Reactor Safety