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Facility: Consumers Power Company
Palisades Nuclear Plant
Covert, MI 49043

Docket No: 50-255

Licensee Emergency Classification:
 Notification of an Unusual Event
 Alert
 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 Not Applicable

Subject: OUTAGE GREATER THAN 48 HOURS

At 6 a.m. (CDT), September 16, 1984, while operating at 55 per cent power, the licensee determined that a partial seal failure had occurred in reactor coolant pump P-50C. There was no release of primary coolant inside containment. The licensee had been watching this pump carefully because of suspected shaft vibrations and early indications of erratic seal performance.

The unit is now in cold shutdown. The licensee is investigating the cause of the partial failure and is making preparations to repair or replace the seal. The unit is expected to be out of service for at least one week.

The State of Michigan will be notified.

Region III (Chicago) learned of this event at about 8:15 a.m., (CDT), September 17, 1984. This information is current as of 11:30 a.m., (CDT), September 18, 1984.

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