

Date: October 5, 1992

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PN39252

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This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by the Region III staff on this date.

Facility:	<u>Licensee Emergency Classification</u>
Consumers Power Company	<u>General Emergency</u>
Palisades Nuclear Power Plant	<u>Site Area Emergency</u>
Covert, MI	<u>Alert</u>
	<u>Unusual Event</u>
Docket No. 50-255	<u>X</u> N/A

Subject: SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR TESTED POSITIVE FOR MARIJUANA

On October 2, 1992, the licensee reported that an NRC-licensed Senior Reactor Operator had tested positive for marijuana use in a random drug test. Several previous random drug tests for the operator were negative. The operator's site access was suspended.

The operator was tested on September 30, 1992. Laboratory results were received and the licensee's medical review officer evaluated them as being positive on October 2, 1992. The operator's site access has been suspended for at least 14 days under the licensee's fitness for duty program.

On October 5, 1992, the licensee reported the individual agreed to enter its Employee Assistance Program. The operator's on-shift work is currently being evaluated by the licensee.

The State of Michigan will be informed. The information in this preliminary notification has been reviewed with licensee management.

Region III was notified of the positive test findings at about 6 p.m. (CDT) on October 2, 1992, and additional information was obtained on October 5, 1992. This information is current as of 4 p.m. on October 5, 1992.

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