

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION III

Report No. 50-255/85022(DRSS)

Docket No. 50-255

License No. DPR-20

Licensee: Consumers Power Company
212 West Michigan Avenue
Jackson, MI 49201

Facility Name: Palisades Nuclear Plant

Meeting At: Palisades Site, Covert, MI

Meeting Conducted: September 5, 1985

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Meeting Summary:

Meeting on September 5, 1985 (Report No. 50-255/85022(DRSS))

Areas Discussed: A special management meeting was conducted to discuss weaknesses in the Palisades emergency preparedness annual exercise of August 20, 1985, and also to emphasize Region III's concern with the overall trend and performance of the Palisades emergency preparedness program. The meeting involved three inspector hours by two NRC representatives.

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DETAILS

1. Meeting Attendees

Consumers Power Company

J. F. Firlit, Plant General Manager
C. F. Kozup, Operations Superintendent
P. B. Loomis, Emergency Planning Administrator, Corporate
L. Kenaga, Staff Health Physicist

Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region III

W. D. Shafer, Chief, Emergency Preparedness and Radiological Protection
Branch
J. P. Patterson, Emergency Preparedness Analyst

2. Meeting Details

This meeting was held at the request of Region III to discuss the performance of the Palisades plant in the August 20, 1985, emergency exercise, and also to emphasize Region III's concern with the overall performance of the plant's emergency preparedness program. From Region III's vantage point, the emergency preparedness program appeared to be trending downward. The Region III Branch Chief made it clear to those present, that our Regional Administrator had instructed his supporting managers to take action in conjunction with the inspection staff to determine the causes of a licensee's downward performance, and with the licensee's efforts, put the program back in an effective, responsive mode. He cited the licensee's current SALP rating. Also, combining some significant findings in the March 18-22, 1985 inspection with the performance in August 20 exercise, he stated that the SALP rating for emergency preparedness appeared to be trending downward. Two years ago, Palisades had a Category-1 rating in Emergency Preparedness. The Plant General Manager reaffirmed Consumer Power Company's commitment to improve the program where needed, and in general, agreed with the Branch Chief's statements.

The latter part of the meeting consisted of a review and mutual discussion of some of the negative findings reported by the Region III exercise evaluation team. On certain items, the licensee took exception to NRC's judgements. These were discussed and issues clarified for each side.