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Facility: Consumers Power Company  
Palisades  
Covert, MI 49043  
  
Docket No. 50-255

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

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*PDR J. Rath*

Subject: SHUTDOWN TO REPAIR TUBE LEAK

At 11:29 a.m. (EST), January 30, 1989, the unit was taken off-line to repair a primary to secondary tube leak in the "B" Steam Generator. The leakage had been increasing since January 24, 1989, and reached the licensee's administrative limit of 0.1 gpm on January 26. [The technical specification limit is .3 gpm.] The licensee reduced power to 45 percent for testing and evaluation of the leak rate, which subsequently fell to .01 gpm on January 27.

The scope and duration of the outage has not been formalized, but it is expected to last about 30 days, and tentative plans include preventive plugging of about 180 steam generator tubes, and other activities.

Region III (Chicago) is monitoring the licensee's course of action.

The State of Michigan will be notified.

This information is current as of 12:15 p.m. (CST), February 1, 1989.

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