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Docket No. 50-255

Consumers Power Company
ATTN: Mr. F. W. Buckman
Vice President - Nuclear
Operations
212 West Michigan Avenue
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the special safety inspection conducted by Mr. E. R. Swanson and Mr. Steve M. Hare of this office during the period of January 15 through March 14, 1986, of activities at the Palisades Nuclear Generating Plant authorized by NRC Provisional Operating License No. DPR-20 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. J. F. Firlit and others of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements. This violation is being reviewed for potential enforcement action. You will be notified in subsequent correspondence as to the resolution of this finding.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Norelius, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosure: Inspection Report
No. 50-255/86008(DRP)

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