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Division of Reactor Licensing
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Att: Mr. R. A. Purple
Washington, DC 20545

Re: Docket 50-255
License DPR-20
Palisades Plant

Gentlemen:


Your January 3, 1975 letter requested that we inform you of our intentions with respect to a request for additional information and questions on the postulated cask drop accident.

We have contacted our architect-engineers and expect to obtain a response from them on your requests numbered 1 through 4 by February 15, 1975. We, however, estimate that an additional two weeks will be required to formulate a reply and obtain the necessary reviews from the Plant Review Committee and Safety and Audit Review Board. We expect to be able to reply by March 3, 1975.

With respect to your request that we do not engage in cask handling operations with the reactor in operation, we will temporarily abide by your request as it relates to cask handling operations over the spent fuel pool although we believe that the use of a 100-ton rated crane to handle a 25-ton cask provides an adequate margin of safety. If we should find it necessary to handle a cask over the spent fuel pool while the reactor is in operation, we will inform you of our intentions prior to any such operation.

We regret the delay in replying to your letter and in the delay associated with our final response.

Yours very truly,


Ralph B. Sewell
Nuclear Licensing Administrator

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CC: JGKepler, USNRC