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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Att: Mr Albert Schwencer, Chief
Operating Reactor Branch No 1
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

DOCKET 50-255, LICENSE DPR-20 -
PALISADES PLANT - REACTOR VESSEL
OVERPRESSURIZATION

By letter dated August 11, 1976 you advised us of your concern regarding instances of reactor vessel overpressurization in pressurized water reactor facilities. Your letter also included a summary of the causes of these events and requested a response which was to provide specific information.

We have begun a review of your letter but find that some additional time will be required before we will be able to determine when the information requested can be provided.

In reviewing the overpressurization problem, we note that discussions have taken place between members of your staff and some PWR licensees and NSSS suppliers. We believe that any additional information you may be able to provide us on these discussions would help us in developing both long- and short-term measures to reduce the likelihood of an overpressurization event.

We would also like to request detailed information on the specific events which have occurred. We believe this information will help our staff to get a better perspective of the problem.

We plan to respond to your request in about 30 days. However, we believe that the above requested information needs to be reviewed by our staff before a response can be made.

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