

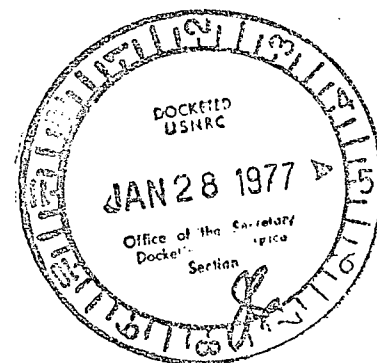
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HONORABLE MARCUS A ROWDEN, CHAIRMAN
U S NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON DC 20555



ATTENTION A SCHWENZER CHIEF OPERATING REACTORS BRANCH #1 DIVISION OF
OPERATING REACTORS, REGARDING DOCKET 50-255

DEAR CHAIRMAN ROWDEN

THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS RECEIVED A "NOTICE OF
PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE" WHICH
RELATES TO A REQUEST OF CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY DATED NOVEMBER 16 1976
TO AMEND LICENSE #DPR-20, AS WE UNDERSTAND THE CONSUMERS POWER COMPANYS
REQUEST IT WOULD ALLOW AN INCREASED FUEL STORAGE CAPACITY FROM 276 TO
798 ASSEMBLIES.

THE INCREASED CAPACITY WOULD ALLOW 422 ADDITIONAL SPENT FUEL ASSEMBLIES
TO BE STORED AT THE PALISADES SITE WHICH SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASES THE
POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS

THE STAFF OF THIS DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING "CONSUMERS POWER
COMPANYS PALISADES NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION SPENT FUEL POOL
MODIFICATION DESCRIPTION AND SAFETY ANALYSIS" AND QUESTIONS RAISED BY
THE U S NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION AS WELL AS OTHER MATERIAL RELATED
TO THIS MATTER

WHILE OUR REVIEW IS NOT COMPLETED THIS DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO RAISE
QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPACT OF THE ADDED
SPENT FUEL STORAGE CAPACITY

I AM ASKING THAT THE U S NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION APPROVAL OF
CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY'S REQUEST BE DELAYED UNTIL THE HEALTH AND
SAFETY ISSUES ARE SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED WITH THIS DEPARTMENT

OUR QUESTIONS WILL BE ADDRESSED TO THE U S NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION. WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AT THIS TIME
HOWEVER, THIS MAY BECOME NECESSARY AT A LATER DATE. WE WILL FOLLOW THIS
WITH A LETTER DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24 1977 SETTING FORTH OUR
CONCERNS. SINCERELY

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