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MIDLAND NUCLEAR PLANT -
INSPECTION REPORT NO 50-329/79-18 AND NO 50-330/79-18

The enclosure to this letter is a response to your letter of September 11, 1979, which transmitted the subject Inspection Report and which requested our written statement on an item of noncompliance.

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Enclosure: Consumers Power Company's Response to Inspection
Report No 50-329/79-18 and No 50-330/79-18

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CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY RESPONSE

TO THE NOTICE OF VIOLATION

DESCRIBED IN NRC INSPECTION REPORT

NO. 50-329/79-18 AND NO. 50-330/79-18

- A. PERFORMING WELDING ACTIVITIES WITHOUT PROTECTING INSTALLED CABLES, 4.16KV SWITCH GEAR AND 480V MOTOR CONTROL CENTERS. (329/79-18-02; 330/79-18-02)

Description of Noncompliance

Appendix A of Report No. 50-329/79-18 and 50-330/79-18 provides the following:

"10 CFR 50 Appendix 3, Criterion XIII requires, in part, to establish measures to control the handling, storage, cleaning and preservation of material and equipment in accordance with work and inspection instructions to prevent damage or deterioration.

CPCo procedure FPG-7.000 Revision 0, dated July 1, 1977, Paragraph 7.g established controls to protect material and equipment from activities such as welding.

Contrary to the above, on August 21 and 22, 1979, the inspectors accompanied by licensee representatives observed welding activities in progress at elevation 614' in the auxiliary building, above installed 480V and 4.16KV switchgear with inadequate protection to prevent weld spatter from falling on installed equipment and cables."

CPCo Response

The affected equipment that could have been damaged by the welding activity has been inspected by Bechtel QC. The only damage noted was the paint on the top of MCC 1B23 above cubicle 1A which has been documented on Bechtel Discrepancy Report No. E-1741.

To avoid future occurrence of this problem, the Bechtel Site Manager reinforced Field Engineers, Superintendents, General Foremen, and Foremen of the necessity to protect installed equipment and reiterated their responsibility of assuring that adequate requirements and procedures exist for the protection of installed equipment during welding operations. This was accomplished by a combination of a memo to, training sessions with, and personal interviews with these persons. This action is considered effective immediately and we consider that full compliance has been achieved.

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