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ACCESS TO JOBSITE BY SOURCES OF ALLEGATIONS
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Dear Mr Keppler:

Region III has received a number of allegations regarding the Midland Project. These have been made by sources, some of whom have been publicly identified and some of whom have apparently requested non-disclosure of their identities. Recently, Region III has requested that one of its investigators be permitted access to the Midland job site with one such source in order to facilitate an NRC investigation of the merits of the allegations.

Consumers Power Company wishes to cooperate fully with the NRC in its investigations into the merits of all allegations regarding the quality of construction at the site. Accordingly, we are pleased to grant the sources of the allegations access to the site in the presence of the NRC investigators. Indeed, we urge the NRC to encourage all sources of allegations to visit the site with NRC investigators to specifically point out the defects, if any, which are the subjects of the allegations.

In accommodating the sources of allegations who come to the site, we wish to maintain the appropriate security measures and obtain an understanding of the technical specifics of the allegations. Accordingly, the routine plant security measures which apply to the NRC (e.g. signing in and out, wearing badges, etc) would apply in the normal course to the sources of allegations who visit the site. Also, in conformance with our normal plant security and insurance procedures, which provide that all site visitors be escorted by an official of Consumers Power Company, we would designate a responsible official to participate in each site visit. The official would be technically competent in the area of the allegation and would record the allegation in accordance with the existing MPQAD procedure which, upon request, includes reasonable measures aimed at protecting the anonymity of the sources of allegations. In addition, depending upon the source and nature of the

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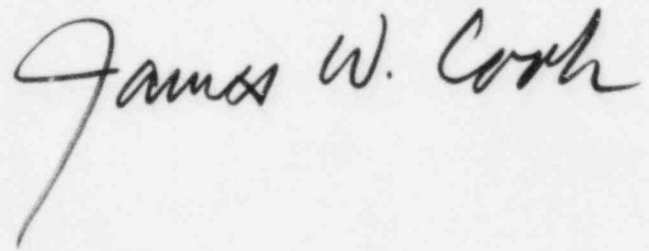
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allegation, the Company may desire to have present an additional person from its contractor or consultant organizations. He, too, will honor any request for anonymity. While the Company official may respond to NRC inquiries, during the visit he will not question or challenge the validity of the allegations. This will certainly facilitate the NRC investigations and, to the extent the allegations have any merit, it will enable us to make the necessary repairs, or otherwise resolve the matters.

Because some of the sources may request confidential treatment or restricted disclosure of their identities, we are prepared to schedule the site visits at times consistent with attaining that objective, e.g., site visits may be scheduled for weekends or after hours. Of course, we cannot guarantee that an individual visiting the site will not be recognized; we can, however, assure you that neither we nor our contractors or consultants will engage in any retribution towards such sources.

Some sources of allegations may wish to be accompanied during the site visit by a person other than the NRC investigator and the Company official. Subject to conformance with our normal plant procedures, we will have no objection if any such source requests participation in the site visit by a co-worker on-site or by his or her union representative on-site.

Site visits, under these ground rules, will materially aid NRC investigations and the resolution of the allegations, and will assure the safety of all site visitors without jeopardy to plant security. We applaud your efforts to search out the facts behind the allegations and assure you of our full cooperation.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. Cook". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the distribution list.

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