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June 6, 1974

Mr. James G. Keppler, Director  
Directorate of Regulatory Operations  
Region III  
US Atomic Energy Commission  
799 Roosevelt Road  
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

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

Dear Mr. Keppler:

This letter is written to inform you of our actions with regard to problems associated with Bergen-Paterson hydraulic shock absorbers. Previous correspondence concerning this matter included letters from your office dated July 27, 1973 and August 17, 1973; the October 1, 1973 letter from the Directorate of Licensing; and a letter of response from me dated August 9, 1973.

All safety-related Bergen Paterson snubbers were completely disassembled, inspected and all seals replaced during October 1973. The replacement seals are of a molded polyurethane material free of additives which were identified in the October 1, 1973 Directorate of Licensing letter as being of a material acceptable as an interim repair. In addition, the filler plugs were inspected and replaced during the October 1973 disassembly and inspection.

Surveillance programs have not been established as requested by the August 17 and October 1, 1973 letters as the plant has been shut down during that period. When the plant is returned to service, we will establish schedules for these surveillance programs and fulfill the reporting requirements contained in the August 17 and October 1, 1973 letters.

Yours very truly,

Ralph B. Sewell (Signed)

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Nuclear Licensing Administrator

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