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Directorate of Licensing
US Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, DC 20545

Re: Docket 50-255
License DPR-20
Palisades Plant -
AO-14-74

Gentlemen:

Abnormal Occurrence Report AO-14-74 was originally submitted on July 22, 1974 with additional information transmitted on August 19, 1974. Following the transmittal of this additional information which completed this Abnormal Occurrence Report, it was decided to reopen the investigation of the operating history of this pump. The results of this investigation follow.

The "Description of Occurrence" section of the Abnormal Occurrence Report should be revised by adding:

"The quarterly tests of this pump (HPSI-P66A) were reviewed (beginning with the third quarter - 1971). This review disclosed that pump discharge pressure below the acceptable range was first observed during the second quarter 1972 test, and that no further degradation of the pump was observed in subsequent quarterly tests. High-Pressure Safety Injection Pumps P-66B and P-66C demonstrated acceptable test characteristics during this time period."

This investigation also disclosed that following a discussion of the observed low-pressure problem, a decision was made (but not documented) to leave the pump in an operational status and continue to review its performance on future tests.

Operating personnel have been briefed on this occurrence and along with the development of a standard pump performance test procedure as stated in the Abnormal Occurrence Report, it is our opinion that problems associated with evaluation of the performance of the safety injection pumps are not likely to recur.

Very truly yours,

Ralph B. Sewell (Signed)

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