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Docket No. 50-255

Consumers Power Company  
ATTN: Mr. R. B. DeWitt  
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Gentlemen:

Thank you for informing us on July 18, 1985 that you will be unable to fully meet Objective No. 7 of the ten objectives for the August 20, 1985 Palisades Plant Emergency Preparedness Exercise. This exercise objective involves the capability of obtaining a post-accident sample which includes preparation, transport, and subsequent analysis of the sample. From information received by Mr. James Patterson of my staff from Mr. James Brunet of your Palisades staff, a valve leakage in the Post-Accident Sample System (PASS) plus other hardware problems in the lines make the system inoperable. Your information stated that complete operability and testing of PASS may not be completed for 2-3 months.

We also understand that "hands on" simulation of sampling of PASS plus preparation including the participants' use of anti-contamination clothing, and other necessary paraphernalia will be demonstrated during the exercise.

Thank you again for your timeliness in keeping us informed of emergency preparedness-related activities.

Sincerely,

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