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Docket No. 50-255

EA 85-133

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

This refers to the routine inspection conducted by Messrs. E. R. Swanson, B. L. Jorgensen, J. K. Heller, D. L. Williams, Ms. M. L. McCormick-Barger and Miss C. D. Anderson of this office during the period of October 16 through November 18, 1985, at the Palisades Nuclear Generating Plant authorized by NRC Provisional Operating License No. DPR-20 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. J. F. Firlit and others of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Appendix. A written response is required. Other activities for which no violation has been issued are also of concern as outlined in Paragraph 3.g of the enclosed report. It is requested that your response address these concerns, and as appropriate include an outline and a schedule for the corrective actions which will prevent recurrence. This event and the situation of both Senior Reactor Operators being absent from the control room at the same time have similarly raised concern over operator performance.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosures(s) will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter (and accompanying Notice) are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

C. E. Norelius, Director  
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:

1. Appendix, Notice  
of Violation
2. Inspection Report  
No. 50-255/85027(DRP)

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