

September 19, 2001

Mr. Douglas E. Cooper
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SUBJECT: PALISADES PLANT - REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING
EMERGENCY PLAN STAFFING CHANGES (TAC NO. MB1740)

Dear Mr. Cooper:

By letter dated July 31, 2001, you discussed a plan for implementing the Emergency Plan for the Palisades Plant by increasing certain on-shift staffing positions. The letter contained two new commitments: (1) By October 1, 2001, revise Emergency Plan Figure 5-2 to reflect an addition of two Auxiliary Operators to the "On-Shift" column, and (2) By January 7, 2002, complete the expansion of Chemistry Technician on-shift staffing to provide full-time coverage.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has reviewed your letter and finds that the following additional information is needed:

1. Provide in its entirety a revised Figure 5-2 from the Emergency Plan reflecting the results of the two new commitments in your letter of July 31, 2001.
2. What are the responsibilities, qualifications, training, and availability of the two new Auxiliary Operators that will be added?
3. Once the new commitments are implemented, what will be the extent of the Health Physics (HP) Technicians coverage at the plant during normal and off-normal shifts? Please explain how the new commitments satisfy the HP radiation protection coverage specified in Table B-1 of NUREG 0654.
4. What are the duties and responsibilities of the Chemistry Technician that is to be added?

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Mr. John Stang of the NRC discussed the above requests with Mr. Kenneth Marbaugh of your organization on August 21, 2001. The discussion indicated that a mutually agreeable response date is October 1, 2001.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (301) 415-3049 or by e-mail at dsh@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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