

June 14, 2002

Mr. Douglas E. Cooper
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SUBJECT: PALISADES NUCLEAR POWER STATION - NOTIFICATION OF AN NRC
SUPPLEMENTAL INSPECTION 50-255/02-08(DRS)

Dear Mr. Cooper:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Region III staff will conduct a supplemental inspection at the Palisades Nuclear Station in July 2002. The inspection will be conducted by a reactor engineer from the NRC Region III Office. The inspection will be conducted in accordance with IP 95001, the NRC's supplemental inspection procedure for one or two white findings in a strategic performance area.

The inspection will take place on July 22 through July 26, 2002. It will involve an inspection of the adequacy of corrective actions relating to the White inspection finding involving the smoke detectors in the northwest portion of the cable spreading room which were not located and installed in accordance with the applicable National Fire Protection Association code. We request that during the onsite inspection week you ensure that all applicable information regarding this finding and the associated smoke detectors be readily accessible.

Your cooperation and support during this inspection will be appreciated. If you have questions concerning this inspection, please contact the inspector conducting this inspection, Mr. Robert C. Daley, at (630) 829-9749 or myself at (630) 829-9700.

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Sincerely,

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John A. Grobe, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

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