

January 8, 2004

Mr. Daniel J. Malone  
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Palisades Nuclear Plant  
Nuclear Management Company, LLC  
27780 Blue Star Memorial Highway  
Covert, MI 49043-9530

SUBJECT: REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM INSPECTION

Dear Mr. Malone:

In a telephone conversation on January 5, 2004, Mr. Terry A. Davis, Operations Training Supervisor, and Mr. Dell R. McNeil, Reactor Engineer, made arrangements for the NRC to inspect the licensed operator requalification program at the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant. The inspection is planned for the week of March 22, 2004, which coincides with your regularly scheduled requalification examination cycle. The staff at your facility should prepare and conduct the requalification examinations in accordance with your NRC-approved requalification program.

In accordance with 10 CFR 55.59(c), the NRC may request facility licensees to submit their comprehensive requalification written examinations or annual operating tests as necessary to support the NRC's inspection program needs. In order for the NRC to adequately prepare for this inspection, please furnish the written examinations and operating tests scheduled for the week of the inspection to the NRC by March 15, 2004. Mr. Davis has been advised of this request and provided with the name and address of the NRC lead inspector assigned to this inspection.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this inspection, please contact Dell McNeil at 630-829-9737, or me at 630-829-9631.

Sincerely,

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