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Dear Sir:

The U.S. Department of the Interior (Department) has reviewed the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, NUREG-1437, Draft Supplement 27 (dated February 2006), regarding the Palisades Nuclear Plant, Van Buren County, Michigan.

The license renewal does not involve any major construction or physical alteration of the project area. The Generic EIS and Draft Supplement 27 adequately address the concerns of the Department regarding fish and wildlife resources, as well as species protected by the Endangered Species Act. We concur with the preliminary conclusions of the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff with respect to the impacts of continued operations on these resources and species. We have no comment on the adequacy of other resource discussions presented in the documents.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,

*Michael T. Chezick*

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