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August 24, 2008

Mr. Christopher J. Schwarz
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SUBJECT: PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT
TI 2515/171 VERIFICATION OF SITE SPECIFIC IMPLEMENTATION OF B.5.b
PHASE 2 AND 3 MITIGATING STRATEGIES
INSPECTION REPORT NO. 05000255/2008007(DRS)

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

On August 1, 2008, the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a team inspection at your Palisades Nuclear Plant. The enclosed report documents the results of the inspection, which were discussed on August 4, 2008, with you and other members of your staff.

The inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to the implementation of B.5.b Phase 2 and 3 mitigating strategies, your compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations, and with the conditions of your operating license. Within these areas, the inspection involved examination of selected procedures and representative records, observations of activities, and interviews with personnel.

Based on the results of this inspection, one NRC-identified finding of very low safety significance was identified. However, because this violation was of very low safety significance and because it was entered into your corrective action program, the NRC is treating the issue as a Non-Cited Violation in accordance with Section VI.A.1 of the NRC's Enforcement Policy. The team concluded that, in general, you had implemented the Site Specific B.5.b Phase 2 and 3 Mitigating Strategies as described in your submittals and the associated Safety Evaluation Report.

If you contest the finding or the subject or severity of the Non-Cited Violation in this report, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington DC 20555-0001, with copies to the Regional Administrator, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission – Region III, 2443 Warrenville Road, Suite 210, Lisle, IL 60532-4352; the Director, Office of Enforcement, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; and the NRC Resident Inspector Office at the Palisades Nuclear Plant.

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Sincerely,

/RA/

Hironori Peterson, Chief
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