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October 15, 2009

Mr. Christopher J. Schwarz  
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27780 Blue Star Memorial Highway  
Covert, MI 49043-9530

SUBJECT: PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT  
NRC SECURITY BASELINE INSPECTION REPORT 05000255/2009404(DRS)

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

On September 4, 2009, the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a security baseline inspection at your Palisades Nuclear Plant. The inspection covered one or more of the key attributes of the security cornerstone of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process. The enclosed inspection report documents the inspection results, which were discussed on September 4, 2009, with you and other members of your staff.

The inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to security and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. The inspector reviewed selected procedures and records, observed activities, and interviewed personnel.

This report documents two NRC-identified violations of very low security significance. However, because of their very low security significance, and because they were entered into your corrective action program, the NRC is treating these violations as Non-Cited Violations (NCVs) consistent with Section VI.A.1 of the NRC Enforcement Policy.

If you contest these NCVs, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN.: Document Control Desk, Washington DC 20555-0001; with copies to the Regional Administrator Region III; the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555 0001; and the NRC Resident Inspector at the Palisades Nuclear Plant.

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Exemption number: 5  
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Gregory Hansen, RIII/DRS/PSB  
Name and organization of person making determination.

Date of determination: 09/23/09

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1)(ii), the NRC is waiving the affidavit requirements for your response, if any. This practice will ensure that your response will not be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's document system, ADAMS. If Safeguards Information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, please provide the level of protection described in 10 CFR 73.21. Otherwise, mark your entire response "Security-Related Information—Withhold Under 10 CFR 2.390" and follow the instructions for withholding in 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1).

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

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Eric Duncan, Chief  
Plant Support Branch  
Division of Reactor Safety

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