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Mr. Christopher J. Schwarz  
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Covert, MI 49043-9530

SUBJECT: PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT  
NRC SUPPLEMENTAL INSPECTION REPORT 05000255/2009405(DRS)

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

On September 4, 2009, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff completed a supplemental inspection at your Palisades Nuclear Plant. The enclosed inspection report documents the inspection results, which were discussed at the exit meeting on September 4, 2009 with you and other members of your staff. The NRC was informed of your readiness for the inspection on April 15, 2009.

As required by the NRC Reactor Oversight Process Action Matrix, this supplemental inspection was conducted to provide assurance that the root causes and contributing causes of the events resulting in a Greater than Green finding were understood, to independently assess the extent of condition and extent of cause, and to provide assurance that the corrective actions for significant performance issues were sufficient to address the root causes and contributing causes, and to prevent recurrence. The inspection consisted of plant walkdowns, a selected examination of representative records, and interviews with personnel.

Based on the results of this inspection, no findings of significance were identified.

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

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Anne Boland, Director  
Division of Reactor Safety  
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