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January 11, 2010

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

SUBJECT: PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT
NRC SECURITY TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION 2201/002
INSPECTION REPORT 05000255/2009406(DRS)

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

On December 15, 2009, the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a temporary instruction inspection at your Palisades Nuclear Plant. The inspection covered activities associated with the licensee's proposed intention to transition from a contract to a proprietary security force. On December 15, 2009, the NRC was notified that the licensee's transition to a proprietary security force was delayed and the new transition date is to be determined. The enclosed inspection report documents the inspection results that had been accomplished as of the date of this notification, and which were discussed on December 15, 2009, with Ms. B. Dotson 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.

No findings of significance were identified.

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Sincerely,

/RA/

Eric Duncan, Chief
Plant Support Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

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