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November 22, 2011

Mr. Anthony Vitale
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Palisades Nuclear Plant
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Covert, MI 49043-9530

SUBJECT: REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM INSPECTION

Dear Mr. Vitale:

In a telephone conversation on November 3, 2011, Mr. R. K. Walton, Chief Examiner, and Mr. T. Horan, Licensed Operator Requalification Lead, made arrangements for the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to inspect the licensed operator requalification program at the Palisades Nuclear Plant. The inspection is planned for the week of January 30, 2012, which coincides with your regularly scheduled requalification examination cycle. The staff at your facility should prepare and conduct the requalification examinations in accordance with your NRC-approved requalification program.

In accordance with 10 CFR 55.59(c), the NRC may request facility licensees to submit their biennial comprehensive requalification written examinations or annual operating tests as necessary to support the NRC's inspection program needs. In order for the NRC to adequately prepare for this inspection, please furnish the written examinations and operating tests scheduled for the week of the inspection to the NRC by January 20, 2012. Mr. Horan has been advised of this request and provided with the name and address of the NRC lead inspector assigned to this inspection.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this inspection, please contact Mr. R. K. Walton at 630-829-9836, or me at 630-829-9707.

Sincerely,

/RA by Michael Bielby For/

Hironori Peterson, Chief
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