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**SUBJECT: PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT — NOTIFICATION OF NRC INSPECTION AND
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

Dear Mr. Allen:

On July 9, 2012, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will begin the Temporary Instruction (TI) inspection, "Review of Implementation of the Industry Initiative to Control Degradation of Underground Piping and Tanks," (TI 2515-182) at your Palisades Nuclear Plant. This on-site inspection is scheduled to be performed July 9 -11, 2012.

In order to minimize the impact to your on-site resources, and to ensure a productive inspection for both sides, we have enclosed a list of documents pertinent to our inspection. The documents that are requested for this inspection include all relevant documents that will allow the inspector(s) to adequately complete Phase I of this inspection. It is important that all of these documents are up-to-date, and complete, in order to minimize the number of additional documents requested during the preparation and/or the on-site portions of the inspection.

We have discussed the schedule for these inspection activities with your staff and understand that our regulatory contact for this inspection will be Ms B. Dotson, of your organization. If there are any questions about this inspection or the material requested, please contact the lead inspector Mr. M. Holmberg at (630) 829-9748.

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Sincerely,

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David E. Hills, Chief
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Division of Reactor Safety

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Enclosure: TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION (TI 2515-182) INSPECTION DOCUMENT
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TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION (TI 2515-182) PHASE 1 DOCUMENT REQUEST

Inspection Dates: July 9 – 11, 2012

Inspection Procedures: Temporary Instruction (TI 2515-182), "Review of Implementation of the Industry Initiative to Control Degradation of Underground Piping and Tanks"

Inspector: Mel Holmberg
(630) 829-9748,
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A. *Information Requested for the In-Office Preparation Week*

The following documents listed below are requested (electronic copy CD ROM if possible) by June 29, 2012, to facilitate the preparation for the on-site inspection week.

1. Organization list of site individuals responsible for the site's underground piping and tanks program.
2. Schedule for completion of the following NEI 09-14 Revision 1 attributes:

Buried Piping

- Procedures and Oversight
- Risk Ranking
- Inspection Plan
- Plan Implementation
- Asset Management Plan

Underground Piping and Tanks

- Procedures and Oversight
- Prioritization
- Condition Assessment Plan
- Plan Implementation
- Asset Management Plan

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B. *Information to be Provided On-Site to the Inspector at the Entrance Meeting*

1. Copy of EPRI document "Recommendations for an Effective Program to Control the Degradation of Buried Pipe."
2. Copy of Site Underground Piping and Tanks Program.
3. Self or third party assessments of the Underground Piping and Tanks Program (if any have been performed).
4. For any of the NEI 09-14 Revision 1 attributes identified below which have been completed prior to the NRC's onsite inspection, provide written records that demonstrate that the program attribute is complete.

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