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SUBJECT: NRC Confirmatory Order EA-11-214 Section V, Actions 4, 5 and 6;
Results of Actions Taken Available for NRC Inspection

Palisades Nuclear Plant
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REFERENCE: Letter from Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., "Confirmatory Order (Effective Immediately) (NRC Inspection Report No. 05000255/2011015 and NRC Office of Investigations Report No. 3-2011-003) Palisades Nuclear Plant," dated January 25, 2012 (ADAMS Accession Number ML12026A383).

Dear Sir:

Section V, actions 4, 5 and 6 of the referenced Confirmatory Order (CO) required Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (ENO) to make the results of certain actions taken in response to the CO available for NRC inspection.

Section V, action 4 of the CO states:

"Within 180 days of the effective date of this Confirmatory Order, Entergy shall review the following three Entergy fleet procedures to determine their adequacy in light of the events that gave rise to this Confirmatory Order: (a) Conduct of Operations, EN-OP-115; (b) Shutdown Safety Management Program, EN-OU-108; and (c) Infrequently Performed Tests or Evolutions, EN-OP-116. Entergy shall make the results of this review available for NRC inspection, and Entergy shall address any relevant observations, findings, or recommendations in its Corrective Action Program."

ENO has completed reviews of the above procedures to determine their adequacy. The results of the procedure reviews are available for NRC inspection.

Section V, action 5 of the CO states:

“Entergy shall retain experienced persons from outside of Entergy to conduct a safety culture assessment of the Palisades Operations Department. Entergy may also satisfy this obligation by having this assessment conducted as part of a Palisades site-wide safety culture assessment. Entergy shall complete this assessment within 180 days of the effective date of this Confirmatory Order. Entergy shall make the results of this assessment available for NRC inspection, and Entergy shall address any relevant observations, findings, or recommendations in its Corrective Action Program.”

A safety culture assessment of the Palisades Operations Department, through the use of a site-wide safety culture assessment, has been conducted by experienced persons from outside of Entergy. The results of the safety culture assessment are available for NRC inspection.

Section V, action 6 states:

“Entergy shall conduct a review of the planning for the next refueling outage at Palisades by a person or persons from outside of the Palisades organization, which shall focus on potentially stressful or complex work evolutions in the Control Room to ensure that they are properly planned. During the performance of a suitable sample of these selected potentially stressful or complex activities, Entergy shall conduct observations by a person or persons from outside of the Palisades organization to evaluate the effectiveness of actions taken to enhance the safe and effective management of the Control Room environment for these activities. Entergy shall complete the activities described in this paragraph within 180 days of the effective date of this Confirmatory Order. Entergy shall make the results of this review available for NRC inspection, and Entergy shall address any relevant observations, findings, or recommendations in its Corrective Action Program.”

A review of the planning for the April/May 2012 refueling outage, which focused on potentially stressful or complex work evolutions in the Control Room, was completed by persons outside the Palisades organization. Schedule adjustments were made as necessary. Additionally, observations to evaluate the effectiveness of actions taken to enhance the safe and effective management of the Control Room environment were completed by persons outside the Palisades organization. The results of the review and observations are available for NRC inspection.

This letter contains no new commitments and no revisions to existing commitments.

Sincerely,



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