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SUBJECT: PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT - NOTIFICATION OF NRC SUPPLEMENTAL INSPECTION FOR ONE DEGRADED CORNERSTONE OR ANY THREE WHITE INPUTS IN A STRATEGIC PERFORMANCE AREA AND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Dear Mr. Vitale:

In a letter dated July 17, 2012, you informed the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that Palisades Nuclear Plant was ready for the NRC to perform a supplemental inspection at the Palisades Nuclear Plant using NRC Inspection Procedure (IP) 95002, "Supplemental Inspection for One Degraded Cornerstone or any Three White Inputs in a Strategic Performance Area."

On September 17, 2012, the NRC will begin the IP 95002 Supplemental Inspection. The onsite inspection is scheduled to be performed September 17 through 28, 2012.

In order to ensure a productive inspection, we have enclosed a request for documents needed for this inspection. The documents identified are those that will be needed by the inspectors prior to their arrival on site for the inspection. It is important that all of these documents are up-to-date and complete in order to minimize the number of additional documents that may be needed to support the inspection. If possible, we would request that this information be provided electronically to Robert Orlikowski, the team leader for this inspection. Any material that is not available electronically should be mailed to the address identified in the enclosure.

If you have questions regarding our schedule or the material being requested, please contact Robert Orlikowski at (630) 829-9753. He may also be reached electronically at Robert.orlikowski@nrc.gov.

A. Vitale

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Sincerely,

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John B. Giessner, Chief
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Division of Reactor Projects

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Enclosure: 95002 Supplemental Inspection Document Request

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Inspection Report: 05000255/2012011

Onsite Inspection Dates: September 17 through 28, 2012

Inspection Procedures: 95002, "Supplemental Inspection for One Degraded Cornerstone or any Three White Inputs in a Strategic Performance Area"

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Please assemble the following documents, preferably on a CD-ROM, and send to the lead inspector, Robert Orlikowski, at the NRC Region III office. Additionally, CD-ROM's should be sent to Molly Keefe and Kamishan Martin. Please contact Robert Orlikowski for the correct mailing addresses. The information sent should be current as of the date of your mailing. Information provided on-site should be the latest approved documentation. The information should be mailed in such a manner as to reach the addressee by September 7, 2012. Proprietary information should be clearly marked and stored on a separate CD-ROM. Draft documentation should not be provided as part of this information request.

I. Information Requested by September 7, 2012:

Procedures

1. Administrative procedure(s) governing the site's corrective action program. This should include procedures related to: 1) corrective action process; 2) operating experience program; 3) employee concerns program; 4) self-assessment program; 5) maintenance rule program and implementing procedures; 6) operability determination process; 7) Degraded/non-conforming condition process (e.g., RIS 2005-20); 8) System Health

process or equivalent equipment reliability improvement programs; 9) Operational Decision Making (ODMI) process;

2. Administrative procedure(s) governing root cause and apparent cause evaluations;
3. Administrative procedure(s) governing common cause assessments, effectiveness reviews, and self-assessments; and
4. Administrative procedure(s) governing work planning.

Reports

1. The root cause investigation report(s) for the Yellow finding for the loss of left train Direct Current (DC) power;
2. A copy of all documents referenced in the root cause reports for the Yellow finding for the loss of left train DC power;
3. A copy of any corrective action documents related to the root cause investigation report(s) for the Yellow finding for the loss of left train DC power;
4. A list of all condition reports associated with maintenance activities and troubleshooting, work planning or risk assessment/management since September 2011, including a title or brief description, organized by date;
5. A copy of any Quality Assurance or Nuclear Oversight assessments of the root cause investigations for the Yellow Finding for the loss of left train DC power;
6. A copy of any Quality Assurance or Nuclear Oversight assessments associated with maintenance, work planning or risk assessment/management since August 2011;
7. Documentation supporting completion of any corrective actions for the Yellow Finding for the loss of left train DC power;
8. Current schedule and resource commitment documents for open corrective actions associated with the Yellow finding for the loss of left train DC power;
9. Schedule and status of any ongoing, planned or completed effectiveness reviews stemming from the root cause evaluations for the Yellow Finding for the loss of left train DC power;
10. The root cause investigation report(s) for the White finding for Service Water Pump Coupling failure;
11. A copy of all documents referenced in the root cause reports for the White finding for Service Water Pump Coupling failure;
12. A copy of any corrective action documents related to the root cause investigation report(s) for the White finding for Service Water Pump Coupling failure;

13. A copy of any Quality Assurance or Nuclear Oversight assessments of the root cause investigations for the White finding for Service Water Pump Coupling failure;
14. Documentation supporting completion of any corrective actions for the White finding for Service Water Pump Coupling failure;
15. Current schedule and resource commitment documents for open corrective actions associated with the White finding for Service Water Pump Coupling failure; and
16. Schedule and status of any ongoing, planned or completed effectiveness reviews stemming from the root cause evaluations for the White finding for Service Water Pump Coupling failure.

II. Information Requested to be Available on September 17, 2012:

1. Technical Specifications;
2. Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR);
3. Administrative Procedures;
4. Site Organization Charts;
5. Site Phone Book;
6. Employee Concerns Program documents;
7. Palisades Nuclear Plant's Performance Improvement Plan and any action items resulting from the Performance Improvement Plan;
8. Palisades Nuclear Plant's Safety Culture Action Plan;
9. A copy of the safety culture assessment report performed by Conger & Elsea, Inc (CEI) in April 2012. The documented results of your evaluation should include sufficient information for the NRC to determine: (a) the department(s) or organization(s) that have a demonstrated or perceived safety culture weakness, (b) the corrective actions (both planned and completed) that address any perceived weaknesses in the safety culture, including the safety conscious work environment; (c) the interim actions in place or planned to mitigate the effects of the safety culture weaknesses, (d) that the organization or individual conducting the safety culture assessment was qualified and independent of the plant; (e) that the safety culture assessment was of sufficient depth and scope to evaluate the work environment; (f) if your safety culture assessment identified any compliance issues with NRC regulatory requirements or commitments, the corrective actions taken or planned, and the corrective action document that addressed the issues; (g) if interviews of individuals were conducted as part of your safety culture assessment, the basis for determining that the number and cross section of individuals interviewed, as well as why the scope of the interview was appropriate to obtain the information necessary to evaluate the safety culture, including the safety conscious work environment; and (h) the assessment of the safety culture at your corporate offices; and

10. Any previously provided documents that have been revised.

If the information requested above will not be available, please contact Robert Orlikowski as soon as possible.

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