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Mr. Anthony Vitale
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**SUBJECT: PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT
NRC SECURITY BASELINE INSPECTION REPORT 05000255/2012403**

Dear Mr. Vitale:

On September 14, 2012, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a security baseline inspection of your Palisades Nuclear Plant. The inspection covered one or more of the key attributes of the Security Cornerstone of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process. The enclosed inspection report documents the inspection results, which were discussed on September 14, 2012, with you 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 inspectors reviewed selected procedures and records, observed activities, and interviewed personnel.

No NRC-identified or self-revealed findings were identified during this inspection. However, two licensee-identified violations, which were determined to be of very low security significance, are listed in this report. The NRC is treating these violations as Non-Cited Violations (NCVs) consistent with Section 2.3.2 of the NRC Enforcement Policy. If you contest the subject or severity of these NCVs, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington DC 20555-0001; with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region III; the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; and the Resident Inspector at the Palisades Nuclear Plant.

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Richard A. Skokowski, Chief
Plant Support Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

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