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January 27, 2014

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**SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS:
PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT**

Dear Mr. Vitale:

We have received your letters, PNP 2012-058, dated June 12, 2012, and PNP 2013-051, dated June 18, 2013. In these letters, you requested that initial operator licensing examinations be scheduled for the Palisades Nuclear Plant in August 2014 and August 2016. Additionally, you have notified us by phone that you will no longer need the examinations scheduled in 2015 and 2017 as requested by letter PNP 2013-051. As such, these exams have been removed from the initial operator licensing schedule.

We have scheduled an initial operator licensing examination for the weeks of August 1 and 8, 2016, with an onsite validation date of July 4, 2016. Please inform us at your earliest opportunity if you discover you need to change the scheduled dates for the examinations.

Previously, you were scheduled for an initial operator licensing exam for the weeks of September 8 and 15, 2014, with an onsite validation date of August 18, 2014. This exam date has not changed. In the unlikely event that we are unable to support the examination during the scheduled weeks, we will inform you immediately, upon discovery, of such conditions and make arrangements to administer the examination at a mutually acceptable date.

We understand that your staff will develop the examinations unless we determine it is necessary for the NRC to develop an examination in which case, we will notify you immediately upon discovery of that need. Because your letter indicated that there were more than nine applicants being considered for each of these examinations, the examinations were each scheduled for two weeks. Please inform us if the number of applicants decline below 10 for any examination as this will impact the examination schedule. Also, please inform us at your earliest opportunity if you discover you need to change the scheduled dates for the examinations.

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Sincerely,

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Hironori Peterson, Chief
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