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February 10, 2015

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SUBJECT: PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT
NRC SECURITY BASELINE INSPECTION REPORT 05000255/2015403

Dear Mr. Vitale:

On January 15, 2015, 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 January 15, 2015, 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 inspector reviewed selected procedures and records, observed activities, and interviewed personnel.

No NRC-identified or self-revealing findings were identified during this inspection.

However, one licensee-identified violation, which was determined to be of very low security significance, is listed in this report. The NRC is treating this violation as a Non-Cited Violation (NCV) consistent with Section 2.3.2 of the NRC Enforcement Policy.

If you contest the violation or significance of this NCV, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington DC 20555-0001; with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region III; the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; and the NRC Resident Inspector at 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/

Steven K. Orth, Chief
Plant Support Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

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