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Indiana Michigan Power Company
ATTN: Mr. Milton P. Alexich
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC REGION III ALARA TEAM ASSESSMENTS

As you are aware, an important aspect of nuclear power station operations is the effort to maintain occupational radiation doses as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA). Our inspectors routinely inspect this aspect of your operations during their inspections. In addition to these routine inspections, Region III undertook more extensive team assessments of nuclear power station ALARA programs at two Region III facilities last year. These assessments noted licensee ALARA implementation strengths, as well as areas which appeared to warrant improvement. The licensees' responsiveness to the identified improvement items are expected to improve ALARA performance at those facilities.

While we intend to continue our ALARA assessment efforts, the number of these assessments will be limited due to their extensive resource requirements. Therefore, to provide you timely information concerning findings from these ALARA assessments, which may be of use in the implementation of your ALARA program, we are forwarding the two reports of the ALARA team assessments we conducted at the LaSalle County Nuclear Generating Station in April 1990 and at the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant in May 1990. Also enclosed is the procedure the assessment team used to conduct the most recent ALARA assessment. This procedure was developed specifically for these assessments, and is expected to be modified based on experience gained during its continued usage.

We are not requesting any licensee action in response to this letter. The attached documents are being supplied to you only for information. If you

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have any questions on the results of either inspection or the procedure, please contact Dr. Charles F. Gill of my staff at (708) 790-5261.

Sincerely,

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