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Mr. Joseph Anderson
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

SUBJECT: FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY REVIEW REQUESTED OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT EMERGENCY PLAN FOR PERMANENTLY DEFUELED CONDITION

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The FEMA Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Program received your letter dated September 27, 2017, requesting FEMA's review of the proposed licensee staffing changes to verify that no potential adverse impacts exist that would preclude the effective implementation of State and local REP plans regarding the Palisades Nuclear Plant (PNP) Emergency Plan. The proposed changes to the PNP Emergency Plan would eliminate specific licensee on-shift and augmented emergency response organization (ERO) positions, based on written certification to the NRC under 10 CFR 50.82(a)(1) of the permanent cessation of reactor operation and transfer of spent fuel from the reactor vessel. The proposed licensee on-shift and augmented ERO staffing changes are commensurate with the reduced spectrum of credible accidents from that of an operating power reactor or a power reactor with fuel remaining in the reactor vessel.

The FEMA REP staff reviewed the proposed licensee staffing changes to the PNP Emergency Plan and can confirm that no adverse impacts exist that would preclude the effective implementation of state and local REP plans or impact FEMA's finding of reasonable assurance for PNP.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact myself at 202-646-2849 or Craig Fiore at 202-212-1205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vanessa E. Quinn".

Vanessa E. Quinn

Chief

Radiological Emergency Preparedness Branch