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Dr. Mary P. Sinclair  
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Dear Dr. Sinclair:

Thank you for remembering our conversation and forwarding the Ceramic Tile Institute example supplied by Dr. Massey to the NRC to illustrate the necessity of fabricating strong tile material for all uses such as flooring, etc. I imagine the Institute uses this comparison because we are all familiar with the endurance of tile floors in malls and other public meeting places. We at Palisades, however, have performed a detailed engineering evaluation of the tile strength and conclude that the physical properties of the tile used are more than adequate for its use in the VSC-24. Coincidentally, the load to which the tile is stressed in the VSC-24 is approximately the same as the load illustrated by the Ceramic Tile Institute.

With regard to your concern over erosion problems that exist at various locations along the Lake Michigan shore, I am sure you are, as I am, aware of such locations. They are not locations where one would store dry fuel or locate a commercial endeavor such as an electric generating plant. As you heard at the May 23, 1994 meeting at Lake Michigan College, the location on the Lake Michigan shoreline where the Palisades Plant is located is not likely to be affected by erosion and any erosion that is likely to occur would take place over an extended period of months or years which will allow mitigating action by the plant operators. The probability of any adverse erosion effect on the Palisades Plant operation, including fuel storage, is further diminished when one considers the shoreline protection barrier installed along the shoreline at Palisades described by Mr. Palmisano at the May 23, 1994 meeting.

You also indicated that you have a concern with respect to the metal baskets used to contain the stored fuel and the controls used during their fabrication. Rest assured that the metal multi-assembly storage baskets used

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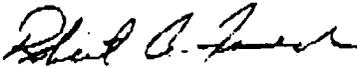
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in the storage casks at Palisades meet the fabrication criteria approved by the NRC. That is ensured by both our quality assurance process and the NRC inspection process.

We continue to give our detailed attention to these and all matters regarding the storage of spent fuel.

Sincerely,



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