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January 9, 1998

Mr. Thomas J. Palmisano  
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SUBJECT: PLANT PERFORMANCE REVIEW (PPR) - PALISADES

Dear Mr. Palmisano:

On October 23, 1997, NRC Region III management and staff completed the semiannual Plant Performance Review (PPR) of Palisades. The Region conducts these reviews for all operating nuclear power plants to develop an integrated understanding of safety performance. The results are used by regional management to facilitate planning and allocation of inspection resources.

The PPR for Palisades involved the participation of all Region III technical divisions as well as responsible NRR staff, in evaluating inspection results and safety performance information for the period from March through September 1997. PPRs provide regional management with a current summary of licensee performance and serve as inputs to the NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) and senior management meeting (SMM) reviews. No changes in inspection focus were identified as a result of the PPR.

This letter advises you of our planned inspection effort resulting from the Palisades PPR review. The information is provided to enable appropriate consideration of the resource impact on your staff, and to permit scheduling conflicts and personnel availability issues to be resolved in advance of inspector arrival onsite. The enclosure details our inspection plan for approximately the next 6 months. The rationale or basis for each inspection outside the core inspection program is provided so that you are aware of the reason for emphasis in these program areas. Resident inspections are not listed due to their ongoing and continuous nature.

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We will inform you of any changes to the inspection plan. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (630) 829-9629.

Sincerely,

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Bruce L. Burgess, Chief *for*  
Reactor Projects Branch 6

Docket No. 50-255  
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# PALISADES

## INSPECTION PLAN

IP - Inspection Procedure

TI - Temporary Instruction

Core Inspection - Minimum NRC Inspection Program (mandatory all plants)

INSPECTION	TITLE/PROGRAM AREA	NUMBER OF INSPECTORS	PLANNED INSPECTION DATES	TYPE OF INSPECTION - COMMENTS
IP 84750	Radwaste Treatment/ Effluent Monitoring	2	12/15-19/97	Core Inspection
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NUREG 1021	Licensed Operator Requal Exam	2	3/23-27/98	Requal Exam
IP 60851 IP 60853 IP 60854 IP 60855	Spent Fuel Dry Cask Storage	1 - 2	To Be Determined When Cask Loading Resumes	Routine inspection of all aspects of an independent spent fuel storage installation
IP 83750	Occupational Radiation Exposure	2	4/27/98-5/1/98	Core Inspection
IP 37550 IP 40500	Engineering and Technical Support/SA/QV	3	7/6-10/98 7/20-24/98	Core Inspection
TI 2515/137	Circuit Breaker Inspection	2	TBD	Temporary Instruction(TI)

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