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March 6, 2018

Mr. Charles Arnone  
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**SUBJECT: NRC PARTICIPATION IN THE PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE**

Dear Mr. Arnone:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) routinely participates in licensees' Emergency Preparedness Exercises to ensure that the NRC's Incident Response capabilities are effectively maintained and to provide licensees an opportunity to exercise the interface with the NRC during response to an incident at their sites. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of our intent to participate in the Palisades Nuclear Plant Emergency Preparedness Exercise that is scheduled to occur on April 24, 2018. Currently, the extent of participation will involve regional response staff. NRC Headquarters' staff will be participating on a limited basis.

During the exercise, the NRC's response will involve activating our Region III Incident Response Center and dispatching an NRC Site Team, including our resident inspectors, to your emergency response facilities. If our scope of participation changes, we will contact your emergency preparedness staff to discuss the changes. We will also be coordinating with your staff to schedule pre-exercise outreach activities that we offer to our licensees.

This letter will be made available for public inspection and copying at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> and at the NRC Public Document Room in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390, "Public Inspections, Exemptions, Requests for Withholding."

If you have any questions concerning our participation, please contact Brent Boston, Region III Emergency Response Specialist at 630-829-9764, Desiree Smith, Region III Emergency Response Coordinator at 630-829-9853, or myself at 630-829-9707.

Sincerely,

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