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**DOCKET 50-255 - LICENSE DPR-20 - PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT**  
**1996 ANNUAL RADIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENTAL OPERATING REPORT**

Attached is the Palisades Plant Annual Radiological Environmental Operating Report for 1996. This report was prepared in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix I, Sections IV.B.2, and IV.B.3 and Plant Technical Specifications 6.6.2. The period covered by the enclosed report is January 1, 1996, through December 31, 1996.

All trending parameters continue to indicate that the operation of Palisades has minimal environmental impact. Most isotopic activity is at environmental background levels. Evidence of an overall environmental isotopic buildup (attributable to Plant effluents) remains negligible. In most instances, sample analytical results were below previously established environment background levels. There were no reportable events during this period.

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS

This letter contains no new commitments and no revisions to existing commitments.



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