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September 20, 2018

Mr. Charles Arnone
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SUBJECT: PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT—NRC SECURITY BASELINE INSPECTION
REPORT 05000255/2018411

Dear Mr. Arnone:

On August 10, 2018, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a security inspection at your Palisades Nuclear Plant and the NRC inspectors discussed the results of this inspection with Mr. Otto Gustafson and other members of your staff. The results of this inspection are documented in the enclosed report.

No NRC-identified or self-revealing findings were identified during this inspection.

However, the inspectors documented two licensee-identified violations, which were determined to be of very low security significance in this report. The NRC is treating these violations as Non-Cited Violations consistent with Section 2.3.2.a of the Enforcement Policy.

If you contest the violations or significance of these Non-Cited Violations, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555-0001; with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region III; the Director, Office of Enforcement; the Director, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response; and the NRC resident inspector at the Palisades Nuclear Plant.

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However, the enclosed report contains Security-Related Information, so the enclosed report will not be made publically available in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(d)(1). If you choose to provide a response that contains Security-Related Information, please mark your entire response "Security-Related Information—Withhold from public disclosure under 10 CFR 2.390" in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(d)(1) and follow the instructions for withholding in 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1). The NRC is waiving the affidavit requirements for your response in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1)(ii).

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Steven K. Orth, Chief
Plant Support Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

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