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January 9, 2019

Mr. Charles Arnone  
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SUBJECT: PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT—NRC SECURITY BASELINE INSPECTION  
REPORT 05000255/2018412

Dear Mr. Arnone:

On October 26, 2018, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a Security Inspection at your Palisades Nuclear Plant. On November 29, 2018, the NRC inspector discussed the results of this inspection with you and other members of your staff. The results of this inspection are documented in the enclosed report.

The inspector documented one NRC-identified finding of very-low security significance (Green) in this report. This finding involved a violation of NRC requirements. The NRC is treating this violation as a Non-Cited Violation consistent with Section 2.3.2.a of the Enforcement Policy.

One cross-cutting aspect was assigned to the above finding in the area of Human Performance – Bases for Decisions. Specifically, leaders failed to ensure that the bases for operational and organizational decisions are communicated in a timely manner [H.10].

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

Sincerely,

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

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Inspection Report 05000255/2018412

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