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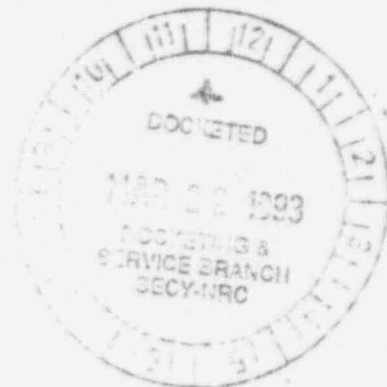
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Dr. Ivan Selin
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Dr. Selin:

Thank you for your letter of March 16, 1993, regarding the proposed storage of spent nuclear fuel in concrete casks at the Palisades nuclear power plant.

You made several general comments in response to my suggestions for NRC's dry cask storage requirements. These comments raise a few questions that I would appreciate the answers to, prior to the issuance of a certificate of compliance for the Palisades power plant casks.

1. Have environmental and radiation surveillance programs been developed specifically for the dry casks to be used at the Palisades power plant?
2. Has the emergency response plan at Palisades been reviewed and updated to accommodate dry cask storage safety concerns?
3. Have the Palisades' site radiation protection, site training, and security and operating procedures and programs been reviewed and modified as necessary to accommodate dry cask storage safety concerns?

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Carl Levin

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