

September 18, 1998

Mr. Thomas J. Palmisano
Site Vice President and General Manager
Palisades Nuclear Generating Plant
27780 Blue Star Memorial Highway
Covert, MI 49043-9530

SUBJECT: PALISADES INSPECTION REPORT 50-255/98015(DRP)

Dear Mr. Palmisano:

On August 21, 1998, the NRC completed an inspection conducted at your Palisades Nuclear Generating Plant. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

The inspection covered a 7-week period. Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress. The purpose of the inspection effort was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements.

The operating crew demonstrated positive command and control while implementing the emergency operating procedures in response to an inadvertent main feedwater pump trip and resultant reactor trip. Your staff's root cause analysis for the main feedwater pump trip was comprehensive and thorough.

No violations or deviations of NRC requirements were identified.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Geoffrey E. Grant, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

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