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Mr. Darrell Corbin  
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SUBJECT: UPDATED INSPECTION PLAN FOR PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT  
(Report 05000255/2021005)

Dear Mr. Corbin:

The enclosed inspection plan lists the inspections scheduled through June 30, 2023, for Palisades Nuclear Plant. The NRC provides the inspection plan to allow for the resolution of any scheduling conflicts and personnel availability issues. Routine inspections performed by resident inspectors are not included in the inspection plan. The inspections listed during the last twelve months of the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised. The NRC will contact you as soon as possible to discuss changes to the inspection plan should circumstances warrant any changes.

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), the NRC is adjusting inspection plans and schedules in order to safeguard the health and safety of both NRC and licensee staff while still effectively implementing the ROP. Each planned inspection is being carefully reviewed in order to determine if any portions of the inspection can be performed remotely, determine how best to perform on-site portions to minimize personnel health risks, and adjust inspection schedules if needed. This is done in accordance with guidance contained in the February 1, 2021 memo, "Calendar Year 2021 Inspection Guidance During COVID-19 Telework Restrictions" (ML21027A274). For inspections requiring extensive coordination with offsite organizations, such as evaluated emergency preparedness exercises, NRC guidance and frequently asked questions for security and emergency preparedness can be found here: <https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/covid-19/security-ep/>. Similarly, the NRC has developed guidance if force-on-force inspections cannot be completed as scheduled due to an emergency, such as the COVID-19 PHE. These changes help ensure the health and safety of both NRC and licensee staff while maintaining the NRC's important safety and security mission during the COVID-19 PHE. The attached inspection plan is accurate on the date of issuance but remains subject to change based on approval of potential exemption requests or other changes needed due to changing conditions in the COVID-19 PHE. NRC staff will contact your appropriate regulatory affairs staff in order to coordinate inspection planning and scheduling.

The NRC will also be performing baseline inspections of licensee cyber security programs. The specific schedule and procedure to be used for these inspections is being developed by the NRC staff. The staff expects to communicate the schedule for these inspections to each utility separately.

In accordance with Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Please contact me at (630) 829-9827 with any questions you have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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# IP 22b Site Inspection Activity Plan

## 07200007 - Palisades (ISFSI)

07/01/2021 - 06/30/2023

Unit	Start	End	Activity	CAC	Title	Staff Count
<b>ISFSI Security Inspection</b>						1
1	9/20/2021	9/24/2021	IP 81311	001006	Physical Security Requirements for Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installations	
<b>ISFSI Program Review</b>						1
1	3/21/2022	3/25/2022	IP 60855	001001	Operation Of An ISFSI	

# IP 22b Site Inspection Activity Plan

## Palisades

07/01/2021 - 06/30/2023

Unit	Start	End	Activity	CAC	Title	Staff Count
<b>Emergency Preparedness Baseline Inspection / Performance Indicator Verification</b>						1
1	8/30/2021	9/3/2021	IP 71114.02	000717	Alert and Notification System Testing	
1	8/30/2021	9/3/2021	IP 71114.03	000718	Emergency Response Organization Staffing and Augmentation System	
1	8/30/2021	9/3/2021	IP 71114.05	000720	Maintenance of Emergency Preparedness	
1	8/30/2021	9/3/2021	IP 71151	001397	Performance Indicator Verification	
<b>RP Baseline Inspection</b>						1
1	10/4/2021	10/8/2021	IP 71124.08	000732	Radioactive Solid Waste Processing & Radioactive Material Handling, Storage, & Transportation	
<b>Triennial Fire Protection Inspection</b>						3
1	11/15/2021	12/4/2021	IP 71111.21N.05	001646	Fire Protection Team Inspection (FPTI)	
<b>Radiation Protection Baseline Inspection</b>						1
1	11/15/2021	11/19/2021	IP 71124.03	000727	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
1	11/15/2021	11/19/2021	IP 71124.05	000729	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
<b>Triennial Heat Sink Inspection</b>						2
1	12/6/2021	12/10/2021	IP 71111.07T	000700	Heat Sink Performance	
<b>Evaluations of Changes, Test, and Experiments Inspection</b>						3
1	2/28/2022	3/4/2022	IP 71111.17T	000709	Evaluations of Changes, Tests, and Experiments	
<b>Security Baseline Inspection</b>						2
1	8/1/2022	8/5/2022	IP 71130.02	000734	Access Control	
1	8/1/2022	8/5/2022	IP 71130.04	000736	Equipment Performance, Testing, and Maintenance	
1	8/1/2022	8/5/2022	IP 71130.14	000743	Review of Power Reactor Target Sets	
1	8/1/2022	8/5/2022	IP 71151	001338	Performance Indicator Verification	
1	10/3/2022	12/31/2022	IP 71130.09	001656	Security Plan Changes	
<b>Emergency Preparedness Exercise / Performance Indicator Verification</b>						4
1	10/17/2022	10/21/2022	IP 71114.07	000722	Exercise Evaluation - Hostile Action (HA) Event	
1	10/17/2022	10/21/2022	IP 71151	001397	Performance Indicator Verification	
<b>Design Basis Assurance Inspection - Program</b>						3
1	11/28/2022	12/16/2022	IP 71111.21N.02	001645	Design-Basis Capability of Power-Operated Valves Under 10 CFR 50.55a Requirements	
<b>Biennial Problem Identification &amp; Resolution Inspection - Palisades</b>						4
1	2/6/2023	2/24/2023	IP 71152B	000747	Problem Identification and Resolution	