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June 13, 2022

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**SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROCESS FOR PALISADES
NUCLEAR PLANT AND COMMENCEMENT OF DECOMMISSIONING
INSPECTION PROGRAM**

Dear Mr. Corbin:

This letter is to inform you that oversight activities by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) at the Palisades Nuclear Plant will no longer be performed in accordance with our operating power reactor inspection program. The NRC's oversight of your future activities at Palisades will be conducted in accordance with our decommissioning power reactor inspection program.

On January 4, 2017, Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., notified the NRC of their intent to permanently shut down the Palisades Nuclear Plant (ADAMS Accession Number: ML17004A062). Additional updates regarding the date of shutdown were provided to the NRC on September 28, 2017 (ML17271A233) and on October 19, 2017 (ML17292A032). On June 13, 2022, Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., certified cessation of power operations and the permanent removal of fuel from the Palisades Nuclear Plant reactor vessel (ADAMS Accession Number: ML22164A067). The NRC will no longer use Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 0305, "Operating Reactor Assessment Program," IMC 0608, "Performance Indicator Program," and IMC 2515, "Light-Water Reactor Inspection Program" when conducting oversight activities and assessing site performance. Therefore, it is also no longer necessary to report Reactor Oversight Process performance indicator data for the Palisades Nuclear Plant. The results of inspection activities completed under IMC 2515 will be provided in future correspondence. Although the inspection program for NRC oversight at your facility has changed, all license commitments remain in effect until altered by formal action from the NRC.

The NRC's oversight of your licensed activities as you progress through decommissioning will be conducted under the provisions in IMC 2561, "Decommissioning Power Reactor Inspection Program." The objectives of the decommissioning inspection program are to verify that decommissioning activities are being conducted safely, that spent fuel is safely being stored, and that site operations and license termination activities are in conformance with applicable regulatory requirements, licensee commitments, and management controls.

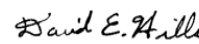
As defined in IMC 2561, the Palisades Nuclear Plant is currently in the "Post-Operation Transition Phase" of decommissioning and the inspections as detailed in IMC 2561, Appendix A, "Core Inspection Procedures" for that phase will be conducted at your facility. In

addition, the inspection procedures listed in IMC 2561, Appendix B, "Discretionary Procedures for Decommissioning Power Reactors" could be performed based on site activities and conditions.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 2.390 of the NRCs "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC's Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Please contact me at 630-829-9733 or Rhex Edwards, at 630-829-9722, with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

 Signed by Hills, David
on 06/13/22

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