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DOCKET 50-255 - LICENSE DPR-20 - PALISADES PLANT
RESPONSE TO GENERIC LETTER 99-02, LABORATORY TESTING OF NUCLEAR-
GRADE ACTIVATED CHARCOAL

On June 3, 1999, the NRC issued Generic Letter (GL) 99-02, Laboratory Testing of Nuclear-Grade Activated Charcoal, which requested certain information of the methods used at Palisades to do the subject test. The following action was requested:

1. *Within 180 days of the date of this generic letter, submit a written response to the NRC describing your current TS requirements for the laboratory testing of charcoal samples for each ESF ventilation system including the specific test protocol, temperature, RH, charcoal bed thickness, total residence time per bed depth, and penetration at which the TS require the test to be performed. If your current TS specifically require laboratory testing of charcoal samples in accordance with the ASTM D3803-1989 protocol at 30 °C [86 °F], and you have been testing in accordance with this standard, then you only need to address this requested action (i.e. no TS amendment or additional testing is required).*

Palisades Response:

The Palisades Technical Specification 6.5.10.c specifically requires the laboratory testing of charcoal adsorber to be in accordance with ASTM D3803-1989 at a temperature of $\leq 30^{\circ}\text{C}$. The tests have and will continue to be performed in accordance with Technical Specification Surveillance Procedure RT-85(D/C) for the control room (70% RH) and the fuel pool charcoal filters (95% RH), respectively.

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SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS

This letter contains no new commitments and no revisions to existing commitments.



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