

July 16, 2003

Mr. Douglas E. Cooper  
Site Vice President  
Palisades Nuclear Plant  
Nuclear Management Company, LLC  
27780 Blue Star Memorial Highway  
Covert, MI 49043-9530

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF INITIAL/REQUALIFICATION OPERATOR LICENSE  
EXAMINATIONS: PALISADES NUCLEAR STATION

Dear Mr. Cooper,

In a telephone conversation on June 19, 2003, between Mr. D. McNeil of my staff and Mr. D. Hensley, Senior Nuclear Instructor, it was confirmed that the Palisades Nuclear Station has not requested an initial license examination during the calendar year 2004. Mr. Hensley confirmed that the week of January 19, 2004, scheduled for the biennial requalification program inspection (IP 71111.11B), was still within the anticipated requalification examination administration cycle. Please inform us at your earliest opportunity if you discover you need to change the scheduled requalification examination dates. If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact Mr. C. Phillips of my staff at 630-829-9739.

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Roger D. Lanksbury, Chief  
Operations Branch

Docket No. 50-255  
License No. DPR-20

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