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**CLARIFICATION TO THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION BULLETIN  
2003-01: ~~POTENTIAL IMPACT OF DEBRIS BLOCKAGE ON EMERGENCY SUMP  
RECIRCULATION AT PRESSURIZED-WATER REACTORS~~ – 60-DAY RESPONSE**

By letter dated August 5, 2003, Nuclear Management Company, LLC (NMC) provided the 60-day response to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Bulletin (BL) 2003-01, "Potential Impact of Debris Blockage on Emergency Sump Recirculation at Pressurized-Water Reactors."

NMC is providing a clarification to the Palisades BL 2003-01 response. A minor error was discovered in the first paragraph on the top of page 4 of the attachment. The paragraph read, as follows:

**"Implementation Schedule:** Preliminary assessment by NMC, in consultation with the Westinghouse Owners Group (WOG), indicates that this change, with regards to securing high pressure safety injection (HPSI) and low pressure safety injection (LPSI) pumps prior to recirculation, may have an adverse effect on plant safety by substituting manual actions for existing automatic actions. *These automatic actions introduce a potential for a single active failure vulnerability.*"


To clarify, the paragraph should have read:

**"Implementation Schedule:** Preliminary assessment by NMC, in consultation with the Westinghouse Owners Group (WOG), indicates that this change, with regards to securing high pressure safety injection (HPSI) and low pressure safety injection (LPSI) pumps prior to recirculation, may have an adverse effect on plant safety by substituting manual actions for existing automatic actions. *These manual actions introduce a potential for a single active failure vulnerability.*"

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NMC does not consider this change substantive, as this change does not affect any of the conclusions or commitments that were made in the BL response.

This letter contains no new commitments.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Cooper', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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