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June 19, 2006

MR BO PHAM  
U S NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION  
WASHINGTON DC 20555-0001

RE: ER-05-249 Palisades Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal, Covert Township, Van Buren  
County (NRC)

Dear Mr. Pham:

Under the authority of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, we have reviewed the above-cited undertaking at the location noted above. With respect to archaeological resources, *Supplement 27: Regarding Palisades Nuclear Plant to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants* makes reference to a letter from Malone and Wawro to MacFarlane-Faes, dated February 11, 2005 (page 2-64). That letter outlines policies and procedures to be followed in the course of construction or modification activities or projects that will insure that archaeological resources are taken into account. It is our opinion that adherence to those policies and procedures will result in the renewal of the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant license having no effect on historic archaeological resources. Based on the information provided for our review, it is the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) that **no historic properties are affected** within the area of potential effects of this undertaking.

The views of the public are essential to informed decision making in the Section 106 process. Federal Agency Officials or their delegated authorities must plan to involve the public in a manner that reflects the nature and complexity of the undertaking, its effects on historic properties and other provisions per 36 CFR § 800.2(d). We remind you that Federal Agency Officials or their delegated authorities are required to consult with the appropriate Indian tribe and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) when the undertaking may occur on or affect any historic properties on tribal lands. **In all cases**, whether the project occurs on tribal lands or not, Federal Agency Officials or their delegated authorities are also required to make a reasonable and good faith effort to identify any Indian tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations that might attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties in the area of potential effects and invite them to be consulting parties per 36 CFR § 800.2(c-f).

This letter evidences the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's compliance with 36 CFR § 800.4 "Identification of historic properties", and the fulfillment of the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's responsibility to notify the SHPO, as a consulting party in the Section 106 process, under 36 CFR § 800.4(d)(1) "No historic properties affected".

The State Historic Preservation Office is not the office of record for this undertaking. You are therefore asked to maintain a copy of this letter with your environmental review record for this undertaking. If the scope of work changes in any way, or if artifacts or bones are discovered, please notify this office immediately.

If you have any questions, please contact Brian Grennell, Environmental Review Specialist, at (517) 335-2721 or by email at [ER@michigan.gov](mailto:ER@michigan.gov). **Please reference our project number in all communication with this office regarding this undertaking.** Thank you for this opportunity to review and comment, and for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martha MacFarlane Faes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Martha MacFarlane Faes  
Environmental Review Coordinator

for Brian D. Conway  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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