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January 13, 2012

Mr. Anthony Vitale
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SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF REVISION TO INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE
EXAMINATION: PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT

Dear Mr. Vitale:

We have received your Letter PNP 2012-003, dated January 10, 2012. In that letter, you requested the initial operator licensing examination scheduled at the Palisades Nuclear Plant for June 25 through July 6, 2012 be moved to October 1 through October 12, 2012.

In response, we have rescheduled the June 2012 initial operator licensing exam to the weeks of October 1 and October 8, 2012 at the Palisades Nuclear Plant. An on-site validation is scheduled for the week of September 10, 2012.

We understand that your staff will develop the examination. Because your previous corporate letter indicated that there were more than nine applicants being considered for this examination, the examination was scheduled for two weeks. Please inform us if the number of candidates change for any examination as this will impact the examination schedule.

A supplementary letter will be sent to the training department approximately 120 days prior to the examination informing the training manager of the chief examiner's name. The letter will also outline examination security expectations, list the materials required by the NRC to conduct the examination, reconfirm the examination date, and reconfirm the number of candidates you have in the training program.

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Sincerely,

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