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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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SUBJECT: Special Report for Inoperability of High Range Noble Gas Monitor
Palisades Nuclear Plant
Docket 50-255
License No. DPR-20

REFERENCES: Palisades Offsite Dose Calculation Manual (ODCM)

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Palisades ODCM, Appendix A, Table A-1, Action 4, requires that a special report be submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission within 30 days for the inoperability of RIA-2327, High Range Noble Gas Monitor, when the instrument is not restored to operable status within 7 days. The enclosed report summarizes the actions taken, the cause of the inoperability, and the current status of the instrument.

Summary of Commitments

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "OWG", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

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Attachment: Special Report for Inoperable RIA-2327, High Range Noble Gas Monitor

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ATTACHMENT

SPECIAL REPORT FOR INOPERABLE RIA-2327 HIGH RANGE NOBLE GAS MONITOR

BACKGROUND

RIA-2327, High Range Noble Gas Monitor, was declared inoperable on January 3, 2012, after the instrument failed to meet the check source acceptance criteria of the monthly process monitor functional testing.

ACTIONS TAKEN

As a compensatory measure, the preplanned alternate method of monitoring was verified to be in-service, within the Offsite Dose Calculation Manual requirement of seventy-two hours, on January 5, 2012.

CAUSE OF INSTRUMENT INOPERABILITY

On January 12, 2012, troubleshooting and testing was performed on the ratemeter, detector and pre-amplifier of RIA-2327. The troubleshooting and testing did not identify any issues with the monitor's components. No corrective maintenance activities were performed on the monitor. It was determined the RIA-2327 failed to meet the check source acceptance criteria of the monthly process monitor functional testing due to normal instrument drift. Following troubleshooting on January 12, 2012, RIA-2327 tested satisfactorily.

PLANS AND SCHEDULE FOR RESTORING INSTRUMENT OPERABILITY

On January 12, 2012, following satisfactory functional testing, RIA-2327 was returned to operable status.