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July 30, 2015

Mr. Anthony Vitale  
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SUBJECT: PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT - NRC SECURITY BASELINE INSPECTION  
REPORT 05000255/2015404

Dear Mr. Vitale:

On June 25, 2015, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a security baseline inspection of your Palisades Nuclear Plant. The inspection covered one or more of the key attributes of the security cornerstone of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process. The enclosed inspection report documents the inspection results, which were discussed on June 25, 2015, with you and other members of your staff.

The inspection examined activities conducted under your licenses as they relate to security and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. The inspectors reviewed selected procedures and records, observed activities, and interviewed personnel.

No NRC-identified or self-revealing findings were identified during this inspection.

However, one licensee-identified violation which was determined to be of very-low security significance is listed in this report. The NRC is treating this violation as Non-Cited Violation (NCV) consistent with Section 2.3.2 of the NRC Enforcement Policy.

If you contest the subject or severity of the NCV, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555-0001, with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region III; the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; and the NRC Resident Inspector at Palisades Nuclear Plant.

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

***/RA Donald Funk Acting for/***

Steven K. Orth, Chief  
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