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DOCKET 50-255 - LICENSE DPR-20 - PALISADES PLANT - REPLY TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION; NRC INSPECTION REPORT 92024

NRC Inspection Report 92024, dated November 5, 1992, provided the results of the routine security inspection and identified an apparent violation of our security plan requirements pertaining to procedural non-compliance. Our reply to the specific Notice of Violation is provided in the attachment to this letter. While we agree that a violation of the requirements of our security plan did occur, we feel that the safety significance of this failure was minor and does not warrant a severity level IV violation. It is our understanding, based on discussions with the inspector, that this situation was of minor safety significance. 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C, Section III, describes severity level IV violations as something that if left uncorrected could lead to a more serious concern. For this particular event, since personnel who are granted unescorted access are qualified to enter all vital areas on-site, the failure to meet the security plan requirement to limit an individual's access to only those areas where the individual has a work related need will not lead to a more serious concern. Therefore, we request that you reconsider your categorization of this event as a level IV violation.

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CC Administrator, Region III, USNRC
NRC Resident Inspector - Palisades

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