

February 11, 2000

Mr. Thomas J. Palmisano
Site Vice President and General Manager
Palisades Nuclear Generating Plant
27780 Blue Star Memorial Highway
Covert, MI 49043-9530

SUBJECT: PALISADES INSPECTION REPORT 50-255/99013(DRP)

Dear Mr. Palmisano:

On January 31, 2000, the NRC completed an inspection conducted at your Palisades Nuclear Generating Plant. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

The inspection covered a 6-week period. Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations of activities in progress. The purpose of the inspection effort was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements.

During this inspection period, we observed that your Year 2000 Project Team effectively precluded any potential problems associated with the transition to Year 2000. Also, you demonstrated a positive focus on safety through implementation of contingency actions to mitigate any potential problems during the transition to Year 2000. In addition, your staff appropriately addressed secondary system water chemistry issues regarding elevated sodium concentrations. No violations or deviations of NRC requirements were identified.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

/s/Michael J. Jordan
Michael J. Jordan, Chief
Reactor Projects Branch 3

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