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February 16, 2018

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**SUBJECT: PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT—NOTIFICATION OF AN NRC BIENNIAL  
LICENSED OPERATOR REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM INSPECTION AND  
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

Dear Mr. Arnone:

In a telephone conversation on February 14, 2018, between Mr. R. Baker, Senior Operations Engineer, the NRC lead inspector for this inspection, and Mr. D. Karnes, Licensed Operator Requalification Program Supervisor, final arrangements were made for the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to inspect the Licensed Operator Requalification Program at the Palisades Nuclear Plant. The inspection is planned for the week of March 19, 2018. The staff at your facility should prepare and conduct the requalification examinations in accordance with your NRC-approved Requalification Program.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR), Part 55.59(c), the NRC may request facility licensees to submit their biennial comprehensive requalification written examinations and annual operating tests as necessary to support the NRC's inspection program needs. In order to minimize the impact that the inspection has on the site and to ensure a productive inspection, we have enclosed a request for documents needed for the inspection. Please furnish the items listed in the first group of the attached enclosure, needed to support our in-office inspection activities, to the NRC by March 12, 2018. Please have the items listed in the second group of the attached enclosure available for the inspectors during the onsite portion of the inspection activities. Mr. D. Karnes has been advised of this request.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If there are any questions regarding either the inspection, or the material requested in the enclosure, please contact me at 630-829-9871, or via e-mail at [Randal.Baker@nrc.gov](mailto:Randal.Baker@nrc.gov).

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Sincerely,

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Randal D. Baker, Senior Operations Engineer  
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Document Request to Support Licensed  
Operator Requalification Program and  
Licensed Operator Performance Inspection

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Letter to Charles Arnone from Randal Baker dated February 16, 2018

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**DOCUMENT REQUEST TO SUPPORT LICENSED OPERATOR REQUALIFICATION  
PROGRAM AND LICENSED OPERATOR PERFORMANCE INSPECTION**

Please provide the following information on a CD/DVD, or electronically if possible, by March 12, 2018.

1. One complete version of the biennial requalification written examination (RO and SRO Exams) administered during the 24-month training cycle.
2. Ten (10) job performance measures (JPMs) and four (4) simulator scenarios associated with an annual requalification operating test required by 10 CFR 55.59(a)(2). The JPMs and scenarios to be reviewed should include those that will be observed during the onsite portion of this inspection, with any remaining JPMs and scenarios selected from other weeks within the same training cycle.
3. Complete versions of the reference materials used to develop the written examinations and operating tests provided for items 1 and 2 above. (Refer to ES-201 Attachment 3, Reference Material Guidelines for Initial Licensing Examinations, for additional examples and clarification.)
4. A list (or lists) of licensee-identified issues associated with licensed operator errors or other licensed operator performance problems which have occurred in the actual plant/main control room since the last biennial requalification program, their associated corrective actions, and if these issues were incorporated into requalification training. (These issues are likely documented in condition/problem identification reports, licensee-conducted audits and assessments, and in industry operating experience reports, etc.)
5. Spreadsheets and/or test outlines which show the usage of written examination questions, JPMs, and simulator scenarios.
6. Facility licensee procedures for licensed operator requalification training and examination, including examination security procedures.
7. A schedule of the licensee's examination activities during the on-site inspection week.

Please have the following information available for NRC review on January 22, 2018.

1. Licensed operator pass/fail statistics for any NRC-required requalification examinations that has been completed (see Table 03.02-1, Examination Results).
2. An overall schedule of the facility licensee's requalification program since the last biennial inspection (cycle weeks, training topics, etc.).
3. A list and descriptions of any examination security problems since the last biennial inspection (likely documented in training department condition/problem identification reports).
4. Records for licensed operator requalification training attendance, licensed operator performance in requalification, licensed operator remedial training, individual licensed operator medical records, and records for maintaining an active license and license re-activation.
5. Simulator testing, maintenance, modification, and performance records. Simulator corrective action records, including lists of open/closed simulator deficiencies, and corrective actions taken.

Enclosure