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SUBJECT: NRC RESIDENT INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-528/99-22; 50-529/99-22;
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Dear Mr. Overbeck:

This refers to the inspection conducted on November 28, 1999, through January 8, 2000, at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, facility. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection.

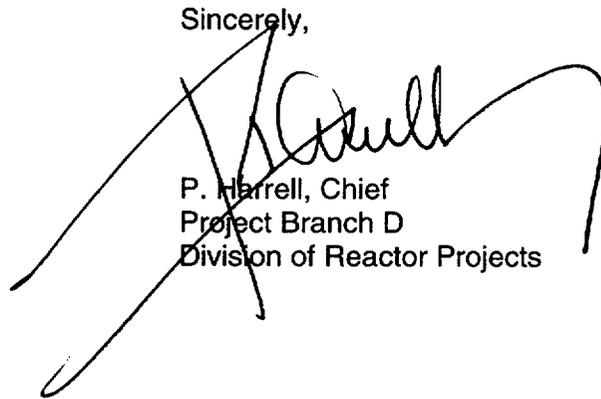
During the 6-week period covered by this inspection, your conduct of activities at the Palo Verde facility was generally characterized by safety-conscious operations, sound engineering and maintenance practices, and careful radiological controls.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that one Severity Level IV violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation is being treated as a noncited violation (NCV), consistent with Section VII.B.1.a of the Enforcement Policy. The NCV is described in the subject inspection report. If you contest the violation or severity level 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, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region IV, 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 400, Arlington, Texas 76011; the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; and the NRC Resident Inspector at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, facility.

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

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

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Harrell', is written over the typed name and title.

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