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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY PLAN CHANGES

This letter acknowledges receipt of your letters dated August 6, September 20, and September 21, 1999, which transmitted Revisions 21 and 22 to the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station Emergency Plan submitted under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.54(q) and the following revisions to emergency plan implementing procedures (EIPs) affecting emergency action levels (EALs) submitted under the provisions of Section V. of Appendix E to Part 50:

Revision 3 of EPIP-01, Satellite Technical Support Center Actions  
Revision 22 of EPIP-03, Technical Support Center Actions  
Revision 22 of EPIP-04, Emergency Operations Facility Actions

Our initial review of these changes indicates that the changes are in accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(q) and Appendix E to Part 50. Review of the EIPs affecting the EALs revealed an administrative error which deleted two radiation monitor channels from the EAL for declaring an Alert condition based on increased radiation levels in the facility. This deletion was discussed in telephone calls on April 16, 18, and 26, 2000, in which Mr. David Crozier of your staff described the corrective actions to be taken to reinstate the two channels.

Implementation of these changes will be subject to inspection to confirm that they have not decreased the effectiveness of your emergency plan and continue to meet regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Mr. William Maier of my staff at (817) 860-8126.

Sincerely,

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