

November 22, 2002

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SUBJECT: PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNIT 1 - WITHDRAWAL
OF AMENDMENT REQUEST ON THE STEAM GENERATOR TUBE
INSPECTION (TAC NO. MB6378)

Dear Mr. Overbeck:

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Based on the staff's October 25, 2002, letter you submitted a letter dated November 19, 2002 (102-04865), stating that you wanted to withdraw the proposed amendment request for Unit 1. The NRC staff does not object to your withdrawal of the proposed amendment for Unit 1. This is based on the staff's intent to issue generic guidance on this matter in the near future, and our understanding that you will attempt to pursue resolution of this issue on a generic basis, and submit a future license amendment request as appropriate in light of the generic resolution of this issue.

Sincerely,

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