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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF INVESTIGATION (OI 4-2002-027)

Dear Mr. Overbeck:

This letter is in reference to an investigation conducted by the NRC Office of Investigations (OI) regarding activities at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. OI initiated the investigation to determine whether a former contract employee of The Atlantic Group had been subjected to employment discrimination.

Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, testimony, and document reviews, the allegation was not substantiated. The NRC plans no further action regarding this investigation and considers this case closed.

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Sincerely,

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