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**SUBJECT: ALTERNATE REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM FOR DETAILED SENIOR
REACTOR OPERATOR**

Dear Mr. Overbeck:

This is in response to your letter dated December 26, 2003, concerning suspension of participation in the requalification program of Mr. Thomas E. Mock, NRC license number SOP-43794-1, Docket No. 55-61343.

It is our understanding that Mr. Mock will not participate in the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Licensed Operator Requalification Program due to orders activating him to military service. The duration of this temporary suspension shall not exceed 24 months.

It is also our understanding that Mr. Mock will be enrolled in an Accelerated Requalification Program [considered additional training in accordance with 10 CFR 55.59(b)], will be required to pass a comprehensive requalification examination, and will meet the requirements of 10 CFR 55.53(f) (1 and 2), 10 CFR 55.21, 10 CFR 55.23, and 10 CFR 26 prior to returning to licensed duties.

We expect that Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1, 2 and 3, use its SAT-based program to ensure that Mr. Mock's qualifications and status are current and valid, and if more than the minimum of 40 hours of shift functions required by 10 CFR 55.53(f) would be necessary upon reactivation for licensed duties.

In addition, we request that, before Mr. Mock returns to licensed duties, you certify, in writing, to the Region IV office that Mr. Mock has successfully completed the Accelerated Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Licensed Operator Requalification Program requirements in accordance with 10 CFR 55.59(b).

Please be advised that since Mr. Mock will not participate in the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Requalification Program, Mr. Mock shall not direct activities of licensed operators and shall not manipulate the controls of Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1, 2 and 3, prior to receiving an amended license removing the restriction. His license is amended accordingly.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (817)860-8159.

Sincerely,
/RA/

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