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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Sirs:

**Subject: Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS)  
Units 1, 2, & 3  
Docket Nos. STN 50-528/529/530  
Response to RIS 2004-10, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator  
Licensing Examinations"**

This letter is Arizona Public Service Company's (APS) voluntary response to RIS 2004-10, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations." Attached to this letter is NRC Form 536 which provides Palo Verde's proposed schedule of examinations estimated for calendar year 2004 through 2007.

There are no commitments made to the NRC by this letter.

Please contact Mr. Daniel Marks (623) 393-6492 if you have any questions or would like additional information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

TU WGBM... for  
SA Bauer

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NRC FORM 536 (5-2003)		U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION		APPROVED BY OMB: NO. 3150-0131		EXPIRES: 07/31/2005		
<b>OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION DATA</b>				<small>Estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary information collection request: 1 hour. This information collection is used to plan budgets and resources for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimate to the Records Management Branch (7-6 E6), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by internet e-mail to <a href="mailto:infocollect@nrc.gov">infocollect@nrc.gov</a>, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NE08-10202, (3150-0131), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.</small>				
FACILITY Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station 50-528, 50-529, 50-530						NRC REGION IV		
<b>A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE</b>								
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2004	CY 2005	CY 2006	CY 2007				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	10	10*	10	10*				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0				
<b>B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS</b>								
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2004	CY 2005	CY 2006	CY 2007				
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	0	5	0	6				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	0	0	0	2				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	0	3	0	3				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	9	0	0	0				
PROPOSED DATES								
PRIMARY DATE	Week of 12/13/04	Week of 08/01/05	None	Week of 07/30/07				
ALTERNATE DATE								
<b>C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE</b>								
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2004				CY 2005			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0

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