



**UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
REGION IV  
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EA-05-051

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**SUBJECT: PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATION STATION - REPLY TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION (NRC INSPECTION REPORT 05000528/2004014, 05000529/2004014, AND 05000530/2004014)**

Dear Mr. Overbeck:

Thank you for your letter of June 7, 2005, in response to our April 8, 2005, letter and Notice of Violation concerning the failure to perform a safety evaluation and receive prior NRC approval of the change to Procedure 41ST-1SI09, "ECCS (emergency core cooling system) Leak Test," which drained and left empty a portion of the containment sump safety injection suction piping. In your letter, you indicated that the root cause investigation into this violation is still ongoing. Accordingly, when the root cause investigation is completed, please provide an additional written response to the NRC describing any additional reasons for the violation and/or corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations.

We will review your corrective actions during a supplemental inspection scheduled to be conducted in September 2005. The inspection will be conducted in accordance with Inspection Procedure 95002, "Inspection for One Degraded Cornerstone or Any Three White Inputs in a Strategic Performance Area ."

Sincerely,

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SISP Review Completed: \_\_TWP\_\_ ADAMS: X Yes ☐ No Initials: \_\_TWP\_\_  
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