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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF INVESTIGATION (OI 4-2006-007)

Dear Mr. Levine:

This refers to an investigation conducted by the NRC Office of Investigations (OI) regarding activities at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. OI initiated the investigation to determine whether an Instrument & Control (I&C) Planner/Advisor was the subject of discrimination for raising safety concerns.

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

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Sincerely,

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