

EDO Principal Correspondence Control

FROM: DUE: 07/01/09

EDO CONTROL: G20090327  
DOC DT: 05/31/09  
FINAL REPLY:

Tom Gurdziel  
Oswego, New York

TO:

Borchardt, EDO

FOR SIGNATURE OF :

\*\* GRN \*\*

CRC NO:

Leeds, NRR

DESC:

ROUTING:

Pressurized-Water Reactor - Palo Verde/Cook Unit 1  
(EDATS: OEDO-2009-0359)

Borchardt  
Virgilio  
Mallett  
Ash  
Ordaz  
Burns/Gray  
Satorius, RIII  
Collins, RIV  
Shoop, OEDO

DATE: 06/09/09

ASSIGNED TO:

CONTACT:

NRR

Leeds

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

# EDATS

Electronic Document and Action Tracking System

**EDATS Number:** OEDO-2009-0359

**Source:** OEDO

## General Information

**Assigned To:** NRR

**OEDO Due Date:** 7/1/2009 5:00 PM

**Other Assignees:**

**SECY Due Date:** NONE

**Subject:** Pressurized-Water Reactor - Palo Verde/Cook Unit 1

**Description:**

**CC Routing:** Region III; Region IV

**ADAMS Accession Numbers - Incoming:** NONE

**Response/Package:** NONE

## Other Information

**Cross Reference Number:** G20090327

**Staff Initiated:** NO

**Related Task:**

**Recurring Item:** NO

**File Routing:** EDATS

**Agency Lesson Learned:** NO

**Roadmap Item:** NO

## Process Information

**Action Type:** Letter

**Priority:** Medium

**Signature Level:** NRR

**Sensitivity:** None

**Urgency:** NO

**OEDO Concurrence:** NO

**OCM Concurrence:** NO

**OCA Concurrence:** NO

**Special Instructions:**

## Document Information

**Originator Name:** Tom Gurdziel

**Date of Incoming:** 5/31/2009

**Originating Organization:** Citizens

**Document Received by OEDO Date:** 6/9/2009

**Addressee:** R. W. Borchardt, EDO

**Date Response Requested by Originator:** NONE

**Incoming Task Received:** Letter

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Oswego, NY 13126  
May 31, 2009

Mr. R. William Borchardt, Executive Director for Operations  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

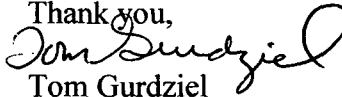
Dear Mr. R. William Borchardt:

I am writing this letter to explain a problem I have with what appears to be a PWR practice.

My recollection from when I worked on an Operations Department shift at a BWR is that, when there was a problem with the turbine, (like high vibration), the turbine was tripped. It followed that the reactor tripped automatically if the steam flow was above the capacity of the bypass valves.

Recently, I have been reading about a couple of PWR turbine vibration problems where the practice appears to be to trip, not the turbine, but the reactor. Could you have somebody check that what is presently being done is appropriate?

(The two problems I have seen are the Cook 1 turbine blade failure in about September, 2008, and Palo Verde 3 from Event Number 44970.)

Thank you,  
  
Tom Gurdziel



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