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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF INVESTIGATION (OI 4-2009-006)

Dear Mr. Edington:

This refers to an investigation conducted by the NRC's Office of Investigations regarding activities at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. The Office of Investigations initiated the investigation to determine whether a former quality control receiving inspector was subjected to discrimination for reporting safety concerns.

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

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Sincerely,

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