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Ms. Rebecca Davidson
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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT PLANT-SPECIFIC
SUPPLEMENT 43 TO THE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT FOR LICENSE RENEWAL OF NUCLEAR PLANTS REGARDING
PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION

Dear Ms. Davidson:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has prepared the enclosed draft plant-specific Supplement 43 to NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants" (GEIS), regarding the license renewal of Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS), located in Maricopa County.

In a letter dated June 12, 2009, the NRC requested that the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD) provide lists of State-listed species, and information on proposed and candidate species, as well as any designated critical habitat that may be in the vicinity of PVNGS and its associated transmission line rights-of-way. The AGFD replied to this request on July 16, 2009, and included a list of special status species within five miles of the PVNGS site and special status species within three miles of PVNGS-associated transmission lines.

The NRC staff's assessment of State-protected species is documented in the enclosed draft SEIS and concludes that the continued operation of PVNGS for an additional 20 years is not expected to adversely impact any State-listed species and that impacts to threatened or endangered species (both Federally and State-listed) would be SMALL.

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We are requesting your concurrence with our determination. In reaching our conclusion, the NRC staff relied on information provided by the applicant and on research performed by NRC staff. If you have any questions regarding this issue or the staff's request, please contact David Drucker at 301-415-6223 or by e-mail at David.Drucker@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jay Robinson, Chief
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