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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF INVESTIGATION (OI 4-2010-078)

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 an employee at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station willfully violated Technical Specification 5.4.1 by signing off a procedure step for positioning reactor vessel head studs prior to actually completing the step to perform this work.

Based upon the evidence, this investigation did not substantiate the allegation that an employee at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station willfully violated Technical Specification 5.4.1 by signing off a procedure step for positioning reactor vessel head studs prior to actually completing the step to perform this work. The NRC plans no further action related to the willful aspects of this allegation and considers this investigation closed.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather J. Gepford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "H" and "G".

Heather J. Gepford, Chief  
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