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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF INVESTIGATION (OI 4-2011-027)

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 operating training instructor at Arizona Public Service Company's Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Wintersburg, Arizona, was subjected to discrimination for reporting concerns related to training deficiencies.

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

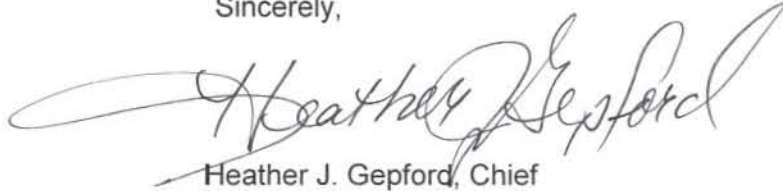
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Randall K. Edington

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather J. Gepford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "H".

Heather J. Gepford, Chief
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