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MEMORANDUM TO: Elmo E. Collins, Regional Administrator
Region IV

FROM: Crystal D. Holland, Director *cd*
Office of Investigations Field Office, Region IV

SUBJECT: PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION: ASSIST TO
NRC STAFF – PROVIDE INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT TO
ENGINEERING BRANCH WITH INTERVIEW OF AN ALLEGER
(CASE NO. 4-2009-005F/RIV-2008-A-0142)

On October 28, 2008, the Allegation Review Board (ARB), Nuclear Regulatory Commission, in Region IV (RIV), convened to discuss several technical concerns [Allegation Nos. RIV-2008-A-0106; RIV-2008-A-0116; and RIV-2008-A-0126] received from an allegor regarding safety issues and the quality of parts [NFI] procured by the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS), Tonopah, Arizona.

Due to the complex and highly technical nature of the issues raised by the allegor, the ARB requested that the Office of Investigations (OI), RIV, assist the RIV staff with an interview of the allegor to obtain clarification of his/her concerns regarding safety and quality issues related to PVNGS' procurement of "parts." An interview with the allegor and RIV staff was scheduled for November 12, 2008. The ARB further requested that the OI:RIV coordinate this staff assist with Neil O'Keefe, Branch Chief, Engineering Branch 2, Division of Reactor Safety, RIV.

On November 12, 2008, OI:RIV assisted the RIV staff with the interview of (b)(7)(C) in Avondale, Arizona. On November 19, 2008, a transcript of the interview with (b)(7)(C) was provided to OI:RIV.

No further action was required from OI:RIV; therefore this assist to NRC staff is hereby closed.

Enclosures: Exhibit 1

cc w/enclosure:
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