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SUBJECT: PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 - NRC
INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION APPROVAL
05000528/2013301; 05000529/2013301; 05000530/2013301

Dear Mr. Edington:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing examinations at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station.

The NRC has completed its review of the operator license applications submitted in connection with this examination and separately provided a list of approved applicants to Warren Potter, Simulator Support Section Leader. Note that any examination waivers and application denials have been addressed in separate correspondence.

The NRC has approved the subject examinations and hereby authorizes you to administer the written examination in accordance with NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 9, Supplement 1, on November 1, 2013. The NRC staff will administer the operating tests during the week of November 4, 2013. This examination has undergone extensive review by my staff and representatives responsible for licensed operator training at your facility. Based on this review, I have concluded that the examination meets the guidelines of NUREG-1021 for content, operational, and discrimination validity. By administering this examination, you also agree that it meets NUREG-1021 guidelines, and is appropriate for measuring the qualifications of licensed operator applicants at your facility. If you determine that this examination is not appropriate for licensing operators at your facility, do not administer the examination and contact me at (817) 200-1159.

Please contact your Chief Examiner, Kelly Clayton, at (817) 200-1216, if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in the license level (RO or SRO) or type of examination (partial or complete written examination and/or operating test) specified for each applicant.

Sincerely,

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Vincent Gaddy, Chief
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Licenses: NPF-41; NPF-51; NPF-74

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