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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF INVESTIGATION (OI 4-2015-018)

Dear Mr. Edington:

This refers to an investigation conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Office of Investigations regarding activities at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. The Office of Investigations initiated the investigation to determine whether (1) security personnel at Arizona's Public Service Company's Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Wintersburg, Arizona, willfully failed to conduct fire watch tours, and (2) if security personnel willfully falsified fire watch logs.

Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, the allegation that security personnel at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station willfully failed to conduct fire watch tours was not substantiated.

Based on the evidence developed during this investigation, the allegation that security personnel at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station willfully falsified fire watch logs was not substantiated. The NRC plans no further action related to the willful aspect of these matters and considers this investigation closed.

You should note that final NRC documents may be made available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act subject to redaction of information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. Requests under the Freedom of Information Act should be made in accordance with 10 CFR 9.23, Requests for Records. Information is accessible from the NRC's website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/foia/foia-request.html#how>.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael C. Hay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Michael C. Hay, Team Leader
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