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Dear Mr. Van Brunt:

SUBJECT: GUIDANCE FOR PREPARING PRESERVICE AND INSERVICE INSPECTION PROGRAMS AND RELIEF REQUESTS - PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION UNITS 1, 2, AND 3

The NRC's Materials Engineering Branch reviews the preservice inspection programs of applicants for operating licenses following the review procedures of Standard Review Plan Sections 5.2.4 and 6.6. To assist applicants in the preparation of their programs and to expedite this review process, enclosure 1 is provided for your guidance in preparing the program for Palo Verde Units 1, 2, and 3.

Your inspection program for Class 1, 2, and 3 components, should be in accordance with the revised rules in 10 CFR Part 50, Section 50.55a, paragraph (g). Accordingly, you should submit the following information:

- (1) A preservice inspection plan which is consistent with the required edition of the ASME Code. This inspection plan should include any exceptions you propose to the Code requirements; and
- (2) An inservice inspection plan submitted within six months of the anticipated date for commercial operation.

Your preservice inspection plan will be used by the NRC to support its safety evaluation report findings regarding your compliance with preservice and inservice inspection requirements. Our determination of your compliance will be based on the edition of Section XI of the ASME Code referenced in your FSAR or later editions of Section XI referenced in the FEDERAL REGISTER that you elect to apply.

Your response should define the applicable edition(s) and subsections of Section XI of the ASME Code. If any of the examination requirements of the particular edition of Section XI you referenced in the FSAR cannot be met, a request for relief must be submitted. Requests for relief should include adequate technical justification to support your request.

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Should you have any questions regarding this guidance, contact Mr. J. Kennedy (301) 492-9545 or our Project Manager.

Sincerely,

Original signed by  
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