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Mr. William J. Dircks
Executive Director for Operations
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Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Dircks:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has completed an analysis of the prompt alert and notification system for the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station in Wintersburg, Arizona. This review has been completed pursuant to FEMA rule 44 CFR 350; selected evaluative criteria and Appendix 3 in NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Rev. 1; and FEMA-43, the "Standard Guide for the Evaluation of Alert and Notification Systems for Nuclear Power Plants." The enclosed report entitled "Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station Site-Specific Offsite Radiological Emergency Preparedness Alert and Notification System Quality Assurance Verification" summarizes the engineering design review, incorporates the results of the telephone survey of the public conducted immediately following the alert and notification system demonstration on October 24, 1984, and confirms the adequacy of the other applicable evaluative criteria from NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Rev. 1, and FEMA-43.

Based on the engineering design review and the results of the demonstration, FEMA has determined that the alert and notification system installed around the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station satisfies the requirements of NUREG-0654/ FEMA-REP-1, Rev. 1, and FEMA-43. Therefore, there is reasonable assurance that the system is adequate to promptly alert and notify the public in the event of a radiological emergency at the site. A complete review of the plans and preparedness for the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station under FEMA rule 44 CFR 350, will be completed at a later date.

Sincerely,

Samuel W. Speck

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