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Docket Nos. 50-528, 50-529, and 50-530

Arizona Nuclear Power Project  
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Attention: Mr. E. E. Van Brunt Jr.,  
Executive Vice President

Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Inspection of Palo Verde Units 1, 2 and 3.

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. R. Zimmerman, C. Bosted, G. Fiorelli, J. Ball and K. Ivey of this office on September 8, 1986, through October 12, 1986 of activities authorized by NRC License Nos. NPF-41, NPF-51 and Construction Permit Number CPPR-143, and to the discussion of our findings held with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors.

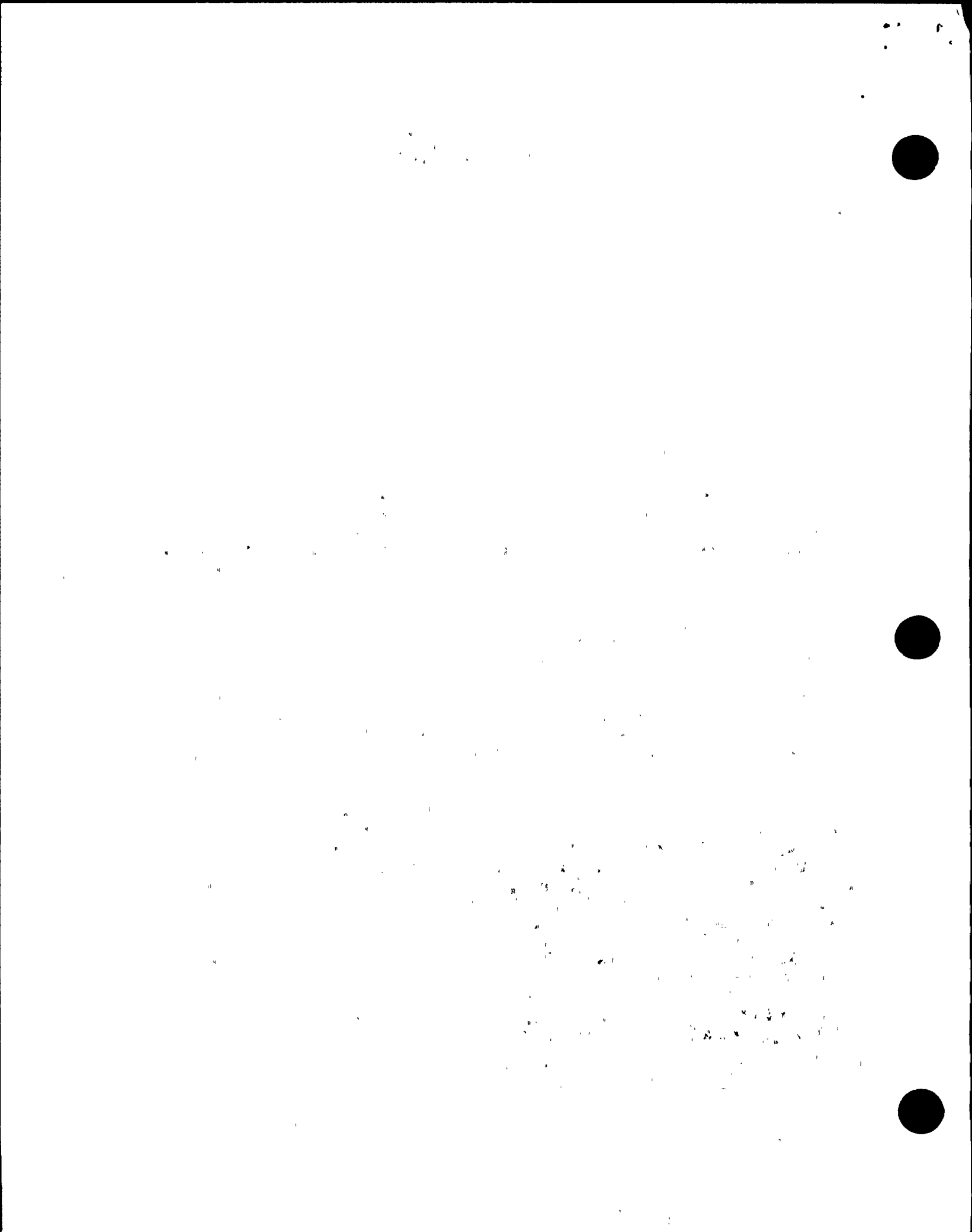
Recent cases of personnel error discussed in paragraph 15 of the enclosed report, indicate the continuing need for aggressive management action to minimize personnel errors in the future. Previous NRC inspection reports have documented our concern regarding problems during the operational phase which were attributed to instances of personnel error, including the failure to follow plant procedures. Your letter to the Region V office, dated July 7, 1986 communicated the corrective actions undertaken and planned to improve plant performance in this area. Although some improvement has been evident, the recent examples indicate that further improvement is necessary. In our meeting on October 28, 1986, it was tentatively agreed to review this area, among others, in another management meeting in Walnut Creek in about 4-6 weeks. At that time I would appreciate your analysis of the effectiveness of your efforts to reduce personnel errors.

No violations or deviations of NRC requirements were identified within the scope of this inspection.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by  
John B. Martin

John B. Martin,  
Regional Administrator

Enclosure:

Inspection Report Nos. 50-528/86-30, 50-529/86-29, 50-530/86-22

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