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Subject:

Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS)

Units 1, 2 and 3

Docket Nos. STN 50-528 (License No. NPF-41) STN 50-529 (License No. NPF-51)

STN 50-530 (License No. NPF-74)

Response to Notice of Violation, 50-528/88-27-02, 50-529/88-26-02

and 50-530/88-25-02 File: 88-070-026

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Appendix A

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Sections 11.4 and 12.5 of the licensee's Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) identify systems and facilities that are within the site boundary that have been approved for handling and processing of radioactively contaminated material.

Contrary to the above, Trailer 3-2 was recently converted into a respiratory processing facility. At the time of the inspection, the trailer was being used to temporarily store and process radioactively contaminated respirators. As of August 11, 1988, the licensee had not performed a written safety evaluation addressing the processing of radioactive equipment in Trailer 3-2.

This is a Severity Level IV Violation (Supplement 1).

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION

A. Reason for Violation

In response to questions raised by NRC inspectors during a routine inspection conducted on August 1 through August 11, 1988, ANPP initiated a 10CFR50.59 review in accordance with procedure 79AC-9ZZ07, "10CFR50.59 Review and Evaluation", to determine if the placement of trailer 3-2 and the activities being conducted in the trailer could constitute an unreviewed safety question. In conjunction with the initiation of the 10CFR50.59 review, an evaluation was conducted to identify the root cause of not performing the required evaluation.

On October 1, 1987, a Temporary Facilities Work Request was initiated to modify a trailer, install vendor supplied respiratory cleaning equipment in the trailer and install the trailer for use in its current location. On July 27, 1988, the modified trailer had been set up and was established as a Radiological Controlled Area (RCA) in accordance with procedure 75AC-9ZZO1, "Radiation Exposure and Access Control", and 75RP-0ZZO1, "Radiological Posting". The appropriate Radiation Exposure Permits (REP's) were issued in accordance with procedure 75RP-9ZZ44, "Radiation Exposure Permits" and the trailer was placed in service to decontaminate respirators.

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procedural guidance to perform the 10CFR50.59 evaluation when installing or modifying temporary facilities (trailers) external to the units has been identified as the root cause of the cited deficiency.

B. Corrective Steps Which Have Been Taken and Results Achieved

As immediate corrective action, an evaluation in accordance with 10CFR50.59 was initiated. The results of the evaluation concluded that no unreviewed safety question exists and that the installation of the trailer and the activities performed within the trailer are permissible under the provisions of 10CFR50.59.

C. Corrective Steps Which Will Be Taken to Avoid Further Violations

The violation issued addressed the performance of radiological work in locations other than those described in the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR). However, based upon the results of the evaluation discussed in section A of this response, ANPP has expanded the scope of the concern to ensure all aspects of the 10CFR50.59 evaluation process are considered. As a result, the following actions are being taken:

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D. <u>Date When Corrective Actions Will Be Completed</u>

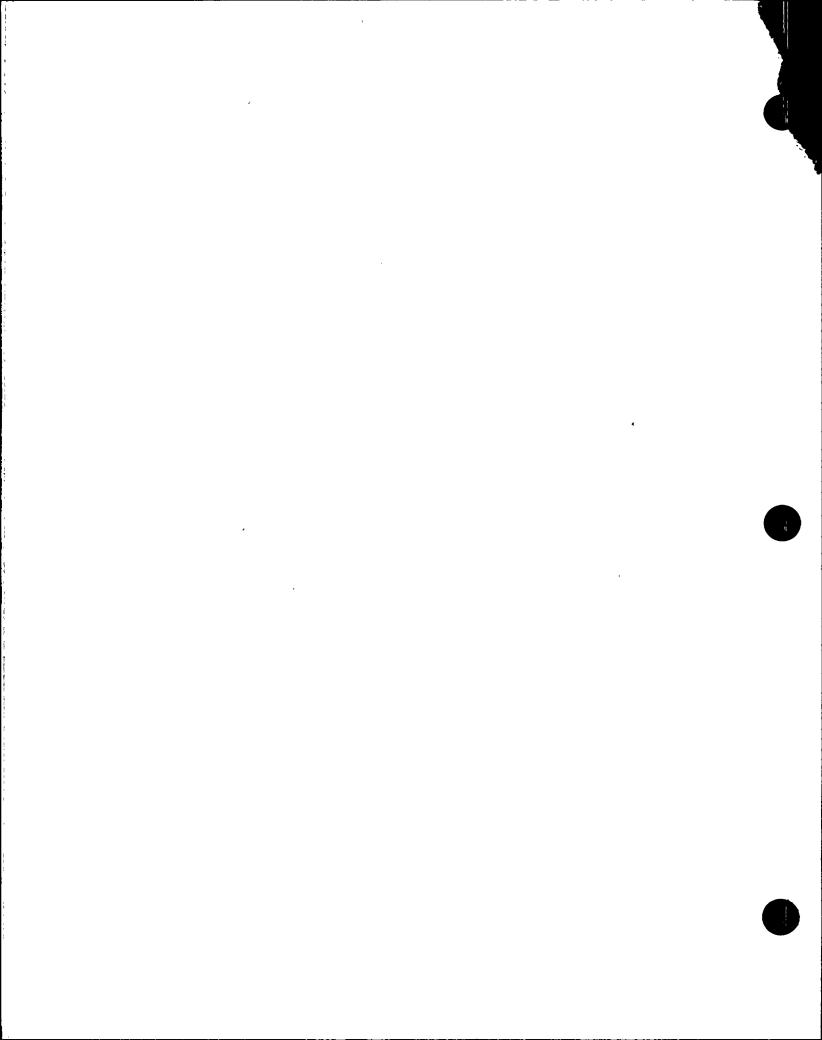
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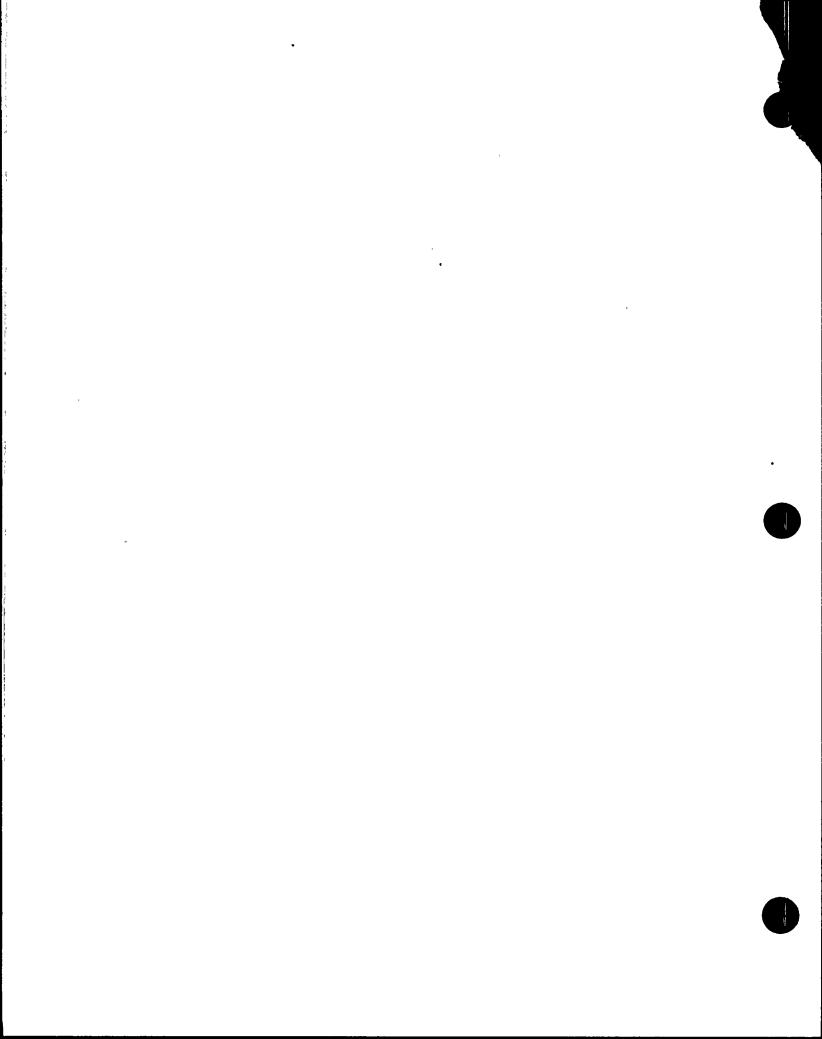
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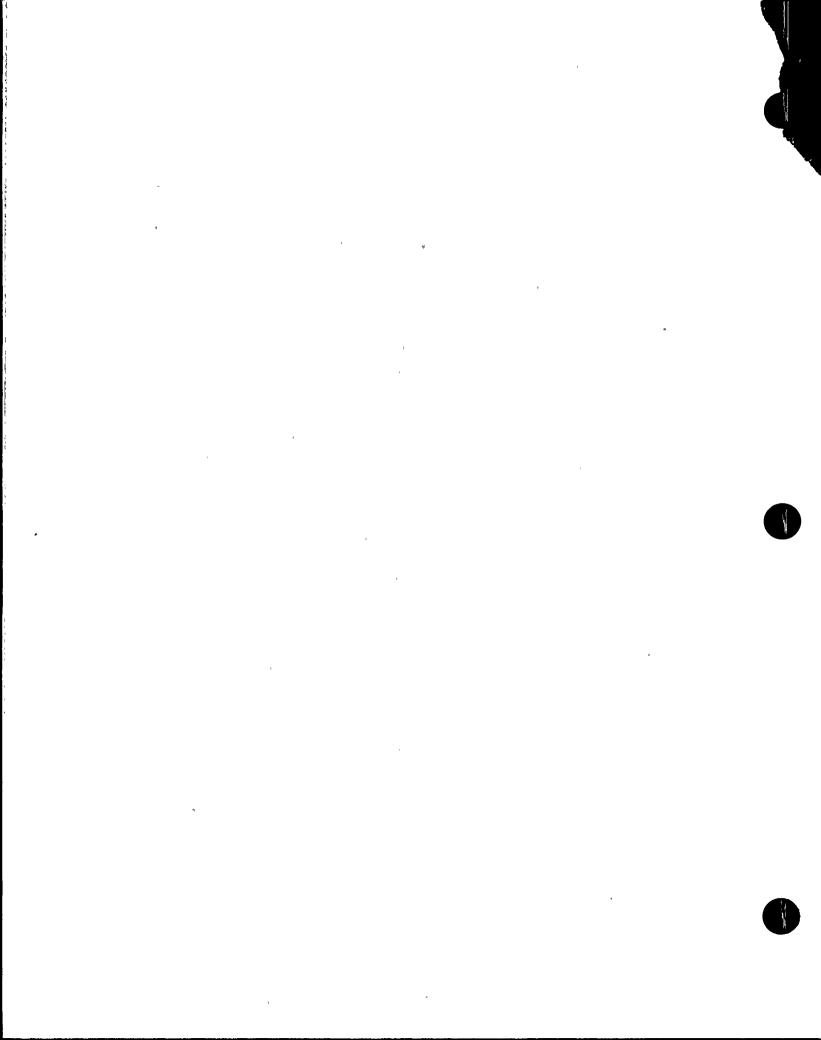
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