

APPENDIX A

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Arizona Public Service Company
Palo Verde Unit 3

Docket No. 50-530
License No. NPF-74

During an NRC inspection conducted on January 29-February 2, 1990 and February 12-16, 1990, one violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1989), the violation is listed below:

License NPF-74, Condition F, for the Palo Verde Unit 3 Nuclear Generating Station, reads in part, "APS shall implement and maintain in effect all provisions of the approved fire protection program as described in the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) for the facility, as supplemented and amended, and as approved in the SER through Supplement 11 "

FSAR Table 9.5-1c., Quality Assurance, Item 8, Corrective Actions, states that "measures shall be established to assure that conditions adverse to fire protection, such as failures, malfunctions, deficiencies, deviations, defective components, uncontrolled combustible material and nonconformances are promptly identified, reported and corrected."


Contrary to the above, measures did not assure conditions adverse to fire protection were promptly corrected in that on February 14, 1990, emergency light 3EQBN002-G and emergency light inverter 3EQBN004, required by License NPF-74, Condition F, had been inoperable in excess of 35 days and had not been promptly repaired or replaced.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Arizona Public Service Company is hereby required to submit to this office within thirty days of the date of this Notice, a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington DC 20555, with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region V, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspection office at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice. This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation if admitted; (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved; (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations; and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order may be issued to show cause why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Consideration may be given to extending your response time for good cause shown.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Dated at Walnut Creek, California
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