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Attention: Mr. William F. Conway Executive Vice President, Nuclear

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION OF PALO VERDE UNITS 1, 2 AND 3

This letter refers to the routine unannounced inspection conducted by Messrs. C. A. Clark and P. G. Galon of this office on August 27-September 7, 1990, of activities authorized by NRC License Nos. NPF-41, NPF-51 and NPF-74, and to the discussions 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.

While no violations or deviations of NRC requirements were identified within the scope of this inspection, we have concluded that additional management attention is required to ensure that the Operating Experience Review Program for NRC Information Notices is effectively implemented. Also, there is a concern that there are existing licensee procedures that allow the use of the Work Control process for correction of identified unacceptable conditions that could result in a lack of engineering review, evaluation, and corrective action. The use of this Work Control process could bypass the licensee deficiency identification and root cause analysis programs.

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.

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

Sincerely,

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