

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Arizona Public Service Co.
Palo Verde Units 1, 2, and 3

Docket Nos. 50-528, 50-529, and 50-530
License Nos. NPF-41, NPF-51, and NPF-74

During an NRC inspection conducted on April 12 through May 30, 1992, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Action," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C, the violation is listed below:

Units 1, 2, and 3 Technical Specifications 6.8.1 state in part: "Written procedures shall be established, implemented, and maintained covering the activities . . . recommended in Appendix A of Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 2, February, 1978." Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 2, Appendix A, recommends procedures for performing maintenance on safety-related equipment.

Procedure 30DP-9MP02, "Fastener Tightening/Preload," Revision 1.06, Step 3.1.5, states that "all bolts, stud bolts, and cap screws shall be engaged so that the bolts extend completely through the nuts. The minimum condition that meets this criteria is for the end of [the] bolt to be flush with [the] face of the nut."

Contrary to the above, as of May 30, 1992, the NRC inspector identified the following safety-related components which had less engagement of the packing gland retaining nuts than required by procedure 30DP-9MP02: 2AFA-V-014, 2AFA-V-067, 2AFA-HV-032, 2AFB-V-040, 3AFA-V-151, 3AFA-V-067, 3AFB-V-023, 3AFB-V-083, 3AFB-V-094, 3AFB-V-130. Additional deficiencies were identified by the licensee in Units 1 and 3.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement I) applicable to Units 1, 2, and 3.

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Arizona Public Service Company is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region V, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (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, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (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, the Commission may issue an order or a demand for information as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Dated at Walnut Creek, California
this 29th day of June, 1992