

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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

ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

(Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station)

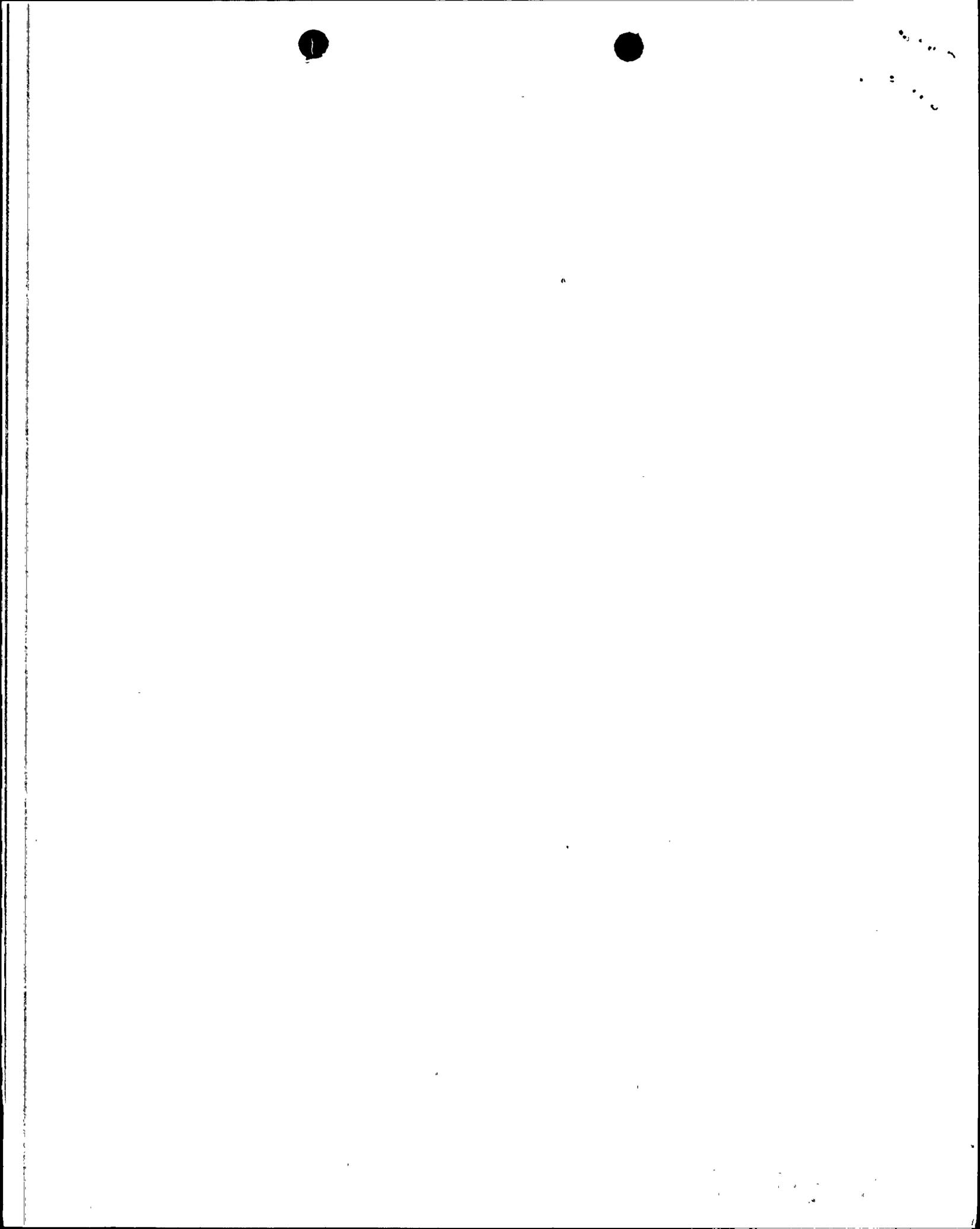
(License Nos. NPF-41, NPF-51, and NPF-74)

RECEIPT OF PETITION FOR DIRECTOR'S DECISION
UNDER 10 C.F.R. § 2.206

Notice is hereby given that by letter dated July 20, 1992, David A. Colapinto, Counsel for the National Whistleblower Center, has requested on behalf of Linda E. Mitchell and Sarah C. Thomas (Petitioners) that the Commission take action with regard to Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. In the July 20 letter, Petitioners request that the NRC take "prompt and effective enforcement action against Palo Verde in the next 30 days" to stop harassment and intimidation of licensee employees who raise safety concerns. Specifically, Petitioners request that the NRC assess severe civil penalties against the licensee and initiate show cause proceedings to revoke, modify, and/or suspend Palo Verde's operating license.

As a basis for this request, Petitioners allege that they have been subjected to continuing and ongoing harassment, intimidation, discrimination and a "hostile work environment" by Palo Verde management, as confirmed by two decisions by Department of Labor (DOL) Administrative Law Judges (ALJs). In this regard, Petitioners assert that if the NRC decides to defer enforcement action pending the Secretary of Labor's final review of these decisions, the results would be contrary to Congress'

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intent and send the wrong message to Palo Verde's management, and have a "chilling effect" on other employees raising safety concerns.

The request is being treated pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.206 of the Commission's regulations. The request has been referred to the Director of Enforcement. By letter dated August 11, 1992, Petitioners' request that the NRC take action "in the next 30 days" has been denied. As provided by section 2.206, appropriate action will be taken on Petitioners' additional requests within a reasonable time.

A copy of the Petition is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room at 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20555.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION,



Chris A. VanDenburgh, Deputy Director
Office of Enforcement

Dated at Rockville, Maryland
this 11th day of August, 1992

