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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-528/95-03; 50-529/95-03; 50-530/95-03

This refers to the inspection conducted by K. E. Johnston and the inspectors identified in the enclosed report, of this office, on January 15 through February 25, 1995. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel. and observation of activities in progress. The results of this inspection are documented in the enclosed report.

The incorrect assessment by plant operators of off-normal plant indications in the safety injection systems of Units 1 and 3, and the slow resolution by operations management indicates that your continued attention appears warranted in the area of operator performance. We noted that, in the presence of nuclear assurance personnel and an NRC inspector, operations personnel deviated from a prerequisite step without resolving the discrepancy. In addition, inspection findings indicated continued weaknesses in the quality of maintenance work instructions. While we continue to find that maintenance personnel perform to high standards, they appear to be unnecessarily challenged with poorly prepared work instructions. We recognize that your staff has initiated efforts to identify specific weaknesses in the work planning process and its implementation. We encourage you to effect improvements. We noted that Nuclear Assurance activities in operations and maintenance were aggressive and questioning.

One unresolved item was identified concerning the operability and reportability of the essential cooling water system with nonseismically qualified instrumentation. The issue involved a longstanding plant deficiency which until recently had received weak technical reviews and low priority for resolution. This issue, as well as several similar ones such as condensate in the steam lines to the turbine-driven auxiliary feedwater pump, indicates a continued need for management to give priority to unresolved plant deficiencies.

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

Sincerely,

A. Bill Beach, Director Division of Reactor Projects

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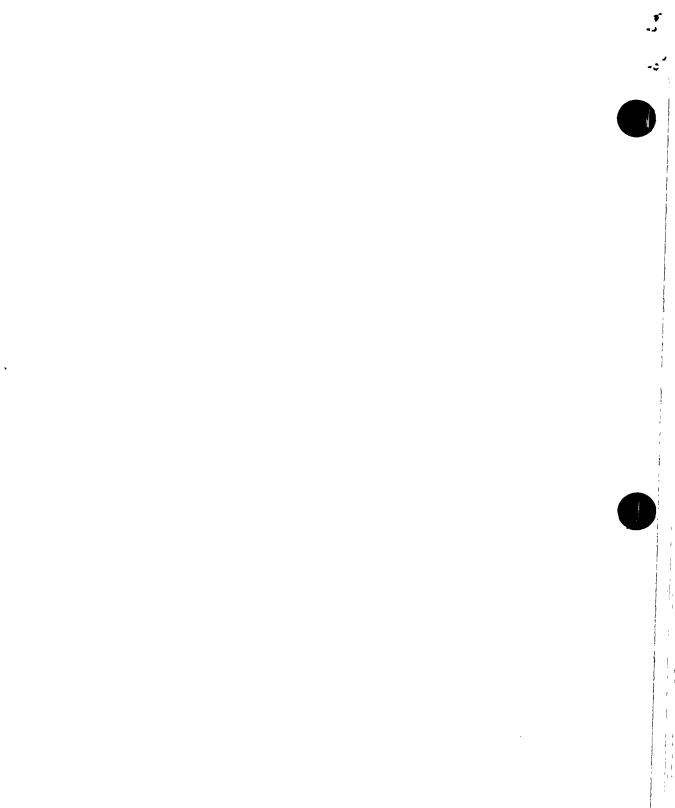
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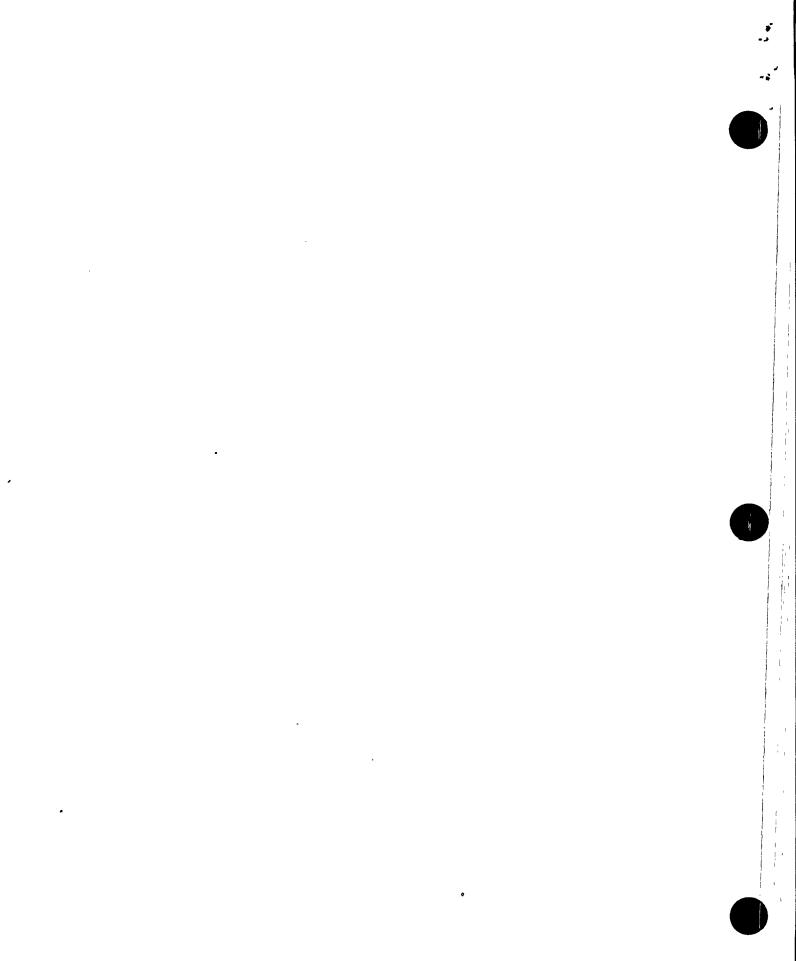
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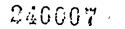
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