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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CHANGE TO PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

We have completed a review of your proposed change to the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station quality assurance program description, which you submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(a) by your Letter 102-03318-WLS/AKK/RJR, dated April 10, 1995. The submittal proposed a reduction to your commitments for the review of quality-related work authorizing documents to determine the need for independent inspections. The requested change would allow selected review of work authorizing documents by the Nuclear Assurance Organization, based on a graded approach, to ensure that independent inspection points had been properly identified. This would be in place of the Nuclear Assurance Organization reviewing all quality-related work authorizing documents to determine the need for independent inspections.

Telephone conversations were held between Mr. R. Pate of Region IV and Mr. R. Kogalski of your staff on May 11 and 23, 1995, to discuss the proposed change. Based on those discussions, we understand that:

1. The Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station FSAR, Section 17.2.4.2.1.1, will also be changed to assign the responsibility for specifying independent inspections to the organization that initiates work implementing documents.
2. The Nuclear Assurance Organization will apply the graded approach described in FSAR, Section 17.2.2.3, for the selected review of the work authorizing documents to ensure that independent inspection points had been properly identified.

Our review of your proposed change, as further clarified by the telephone discussion noted above, determined that your quality assurance program description as changed by your April 10, 1995, submittal continues to meet the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, and is acceptable. If our understanding of your proposed changes, as noted above, is incorrect, please notify us immediately so that we can further review your request appropriately.

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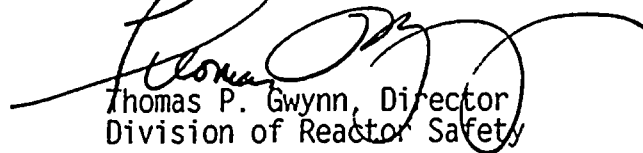


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Please contact Mr. W. P. Ang, of my staff, at (510) 975-0310 with any questions you have regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

  
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