

ENCLOSURE 1

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Arizona Public Service Company  
Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station

Docket No.: 50-528  
License No.: NPF-41

During an NRC inspection conducted on October 6 through November 16, 1996, one violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violation is listed below:

- A. Unit 1 Technical Specification 6.8.1 requires, in part, that written procedures shall be established, implemented, and maintained covering the applicable procedures recommended in Appendix A of Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 2, February 1978.

Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 2, Appendix A, requires, in part, written procedures for draining the reactor coolant system (RCS).

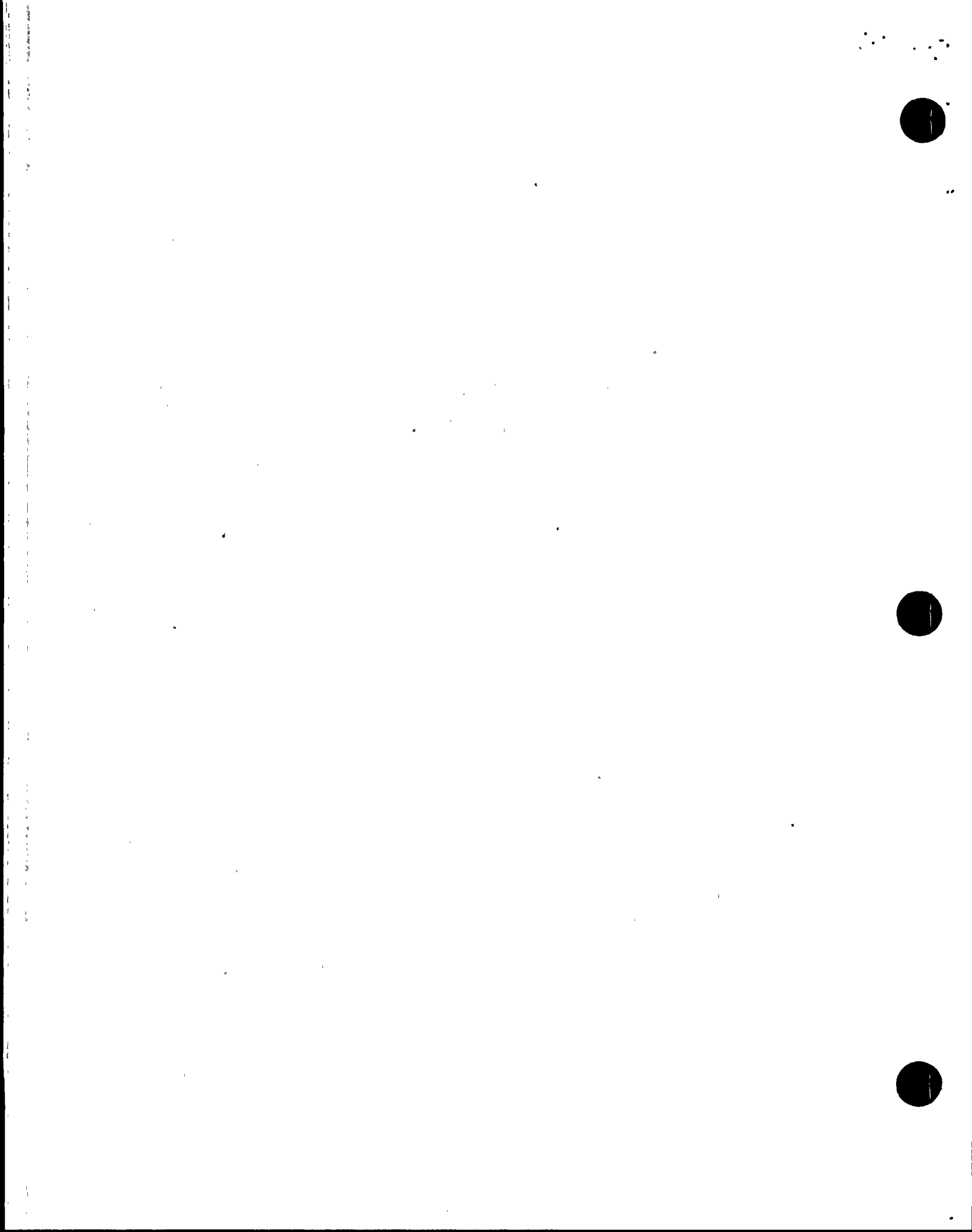
Procedure 400P-9ZZ16, Revision 5, "RCS Drain Operations," provides instructions necessary to drain the RCS. Step 6.2.3 (prerequisite for draining the RCS) requires a drain path aligned per Appendix Q. Appendix Q, Section 2.0, provides the lineup for the normal drain path to the refueling water tank (RWT). Appendix Q, Section 2.0, requires Valves CHN-V655 and PCN-V024 to be closed and Valve CHN-V495, to be open.

Contrary to the above:

1. On October 20, 1996, the operations midloop team initiated draining the RCS to the RWT and did not have a drain path aligned per Appendix Q, Section 2.0, in that Valves CHN-V655 and PCN-V024 were open and Valve CHN-V495 was closed.
2. On October 20, 1996, two auxiliary operators, an initial positioner and independent verifier, performing Section 2.0 of Appendix Q, did not ensure that Valve CHN-V495 was open.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement 1) applicable to Unit 1.

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 IV, 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 400, Arlington, Texas 76011, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, 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. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a Demand for Information may be issued 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.

Because your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), to the extent possible, it should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. However, if you find it necessary to include such information, you should clearly indicate the specific information that you desire not to be placed in the PDR, and provide the legal basis to support your request for withholding the information from the public.

Dated at Arlington, Texas  
this 5<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 1996

