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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-528/97-10; 50-529/97-10; 50-530/97-10

Dear Mr. Levine:

An NRC inspection was conducted May 20-23, 1997, at your Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, reactor facilities. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection. Followup conversations were held on June 11-13, 1997, to discuss additional information that became available after the May 23, 1997, exit meeting and a change in the characterization of one issue involving continuous personnel accountability.

The inspection included implementation of your emergency plan and procedures during your biennial emergency preparedness exercise. Overall, the performance during the biennial exercise was good; however, two exercise weaknesses and a number of other performance issues, which detracted from the overall effectiveness, were identified. The two exercise weaknesses pertained to the failure to recognize and declare the notification of unusual event and the failure to make required offsite agency notifications.

Exercise weaknesses, according to 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix E.IV.F.2.g, are inspection findings that need to be corrected by the licensee. Therefore, you are requested to provide this office with a description of your corrective measures and your schedule for completing these actions within 30 days after receipt of this letter.

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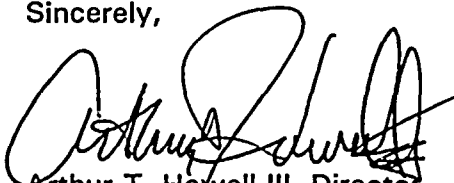
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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



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