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January 22, 1996

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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-528/95-24, 50-529/95-24, 50-530/95-24 AND
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. A. B. Earnest of this office on December 11-15, 1995, at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, facility. Mr. Earnest was assisted by Mr. M. Warren and three contractors from Safeguards Branch, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with you and those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

The physical security program 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. In addition, the inspection included performance-based testing of protected area detection aids.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that three violations of NRC requirements occurred. These violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (NOTICE) and the circumstances surrounding them are described in detail in the subject inspection report. The violations are of concern because they involved the potential for intrusion of the protected area to go undetected.

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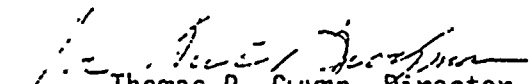
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The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

The material enclosed herewith contains Safeguards Information as defined by 10 CFR 73.21 and its disclosure to unauthorized individuals is prohibited by Section 147 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. Therefore, the material will not be placed in the Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,


Thomas P. Gwynn, Director
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1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report
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