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SUBJECT: CLOSEOUT OF GENERIC LETTER 97-05, "STEAM GENERATOR TUBE  
INSPECTION TECHNIQUES," FOR THE PALO VERDE NUCLEAR  
GENERATING STATION (TAC NOS. MA0481, MA0482 AND MA0483)

Dear Mr. Levine:

The focus of Generic Letter 97-05, "Steam Generator Tube Inspection Techniques," was to verify that licensee steam generator tube inspection practices were consistent with existing regulatory requirements and plant licensing basis. Arizona Public Service Company (APS) submitted a response to this generic letter on March 13, 1998, that included a description and technical basis for all inspection techniques used to size the depth of steam generator tube degradation at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2 and 3. The staff's review of this response did not identify any concerns with the steam generator tube inspection techniques employed at the Palo Verde site that would indicate APS is not in compliance with the current licensing basis for their facilities.

This letter completes the staff's efforts in regard to this generic letter, and closes TACs MA0481, MA0482, and MA0483. If there are any questions, I can be contacted at (301) 415-3062.

Sincerely,

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