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 "Criticality Accident Requirements," based on review of  
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APS to NRC, "Request for Exemption from 10 CFR 70.24,  
Criticality Accident Requirements"

Dear Sirs:

Subject: Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS)  
Units 1, 2, and 3  
Docket Nos. STN 50-528/529/530  
Withdrawal of Request for Exemption from 10 CFR 70.24,  
Criticality Accident Requirements

In the referenced letter, Arizona Public Service Company (APS) requested an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 70.24, "Criticality Accident Requirements." Based on a review of the final rule, 10 CFR 50.68 "Criticality Accident Requirements" (effective December 14, 1998), APS withdraws its request for an exemption from 10 CFR 70.24, "Criticality Accident Requirements."

Please contact Mr. Scott Bauer at (602) 393-5978 if you have any questions or would like additional information regarding this matter. This letter does not make any commitments to the NRC.

Sincerely,

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