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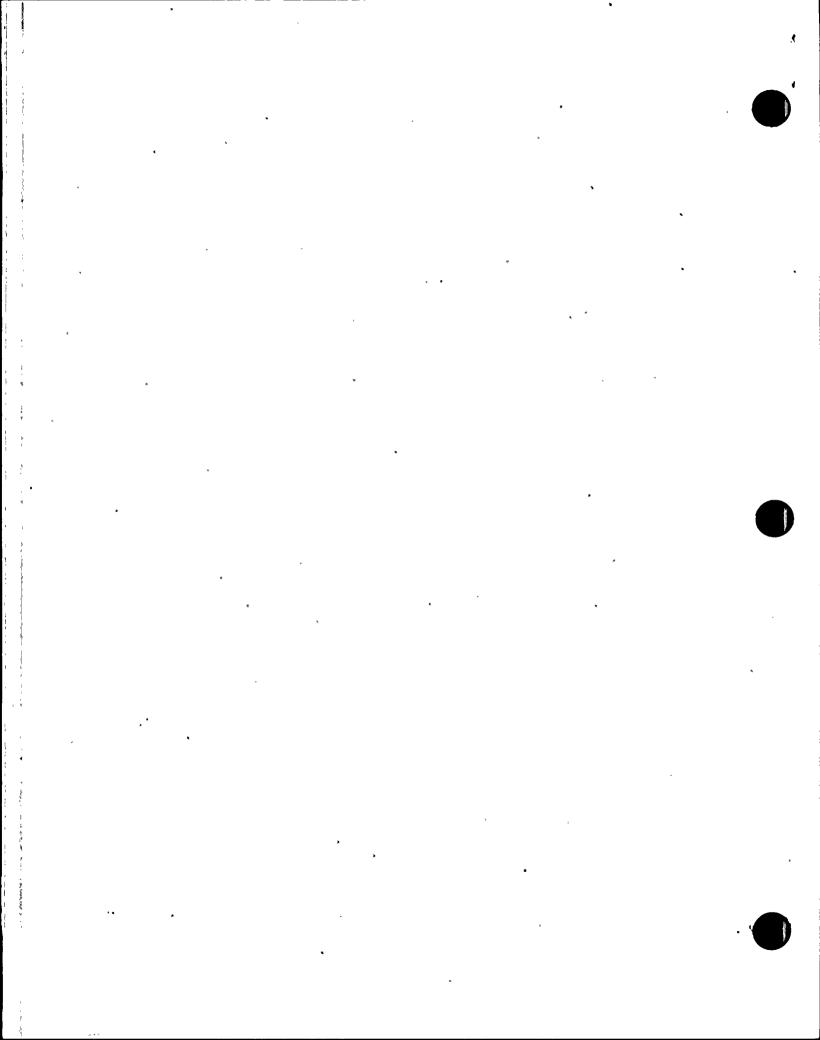
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-528/99-02; 50-529/99-02; 50-530/99-02

Dear Mr. Levine:

This refers to the inspection conducted on January 25-29, 1999 at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, facilities. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection.

This inspection evaluated the effectiveness of your licensed operator requalification program. The inspection used the biennial licensed operator requalification examinations to assess licensed operator performance. The inspection also evaluated your operations training staff in the development, administration, and evaluation of the biennial requalification examination. Overall, we observed strong licensed operator performance in all competency areas, and improved application of human performance skills. Your operations training staff demonstrated sustained high performance in examination development, administration, and evaluation consistent with a systems approach to training.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

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

Sincerely.

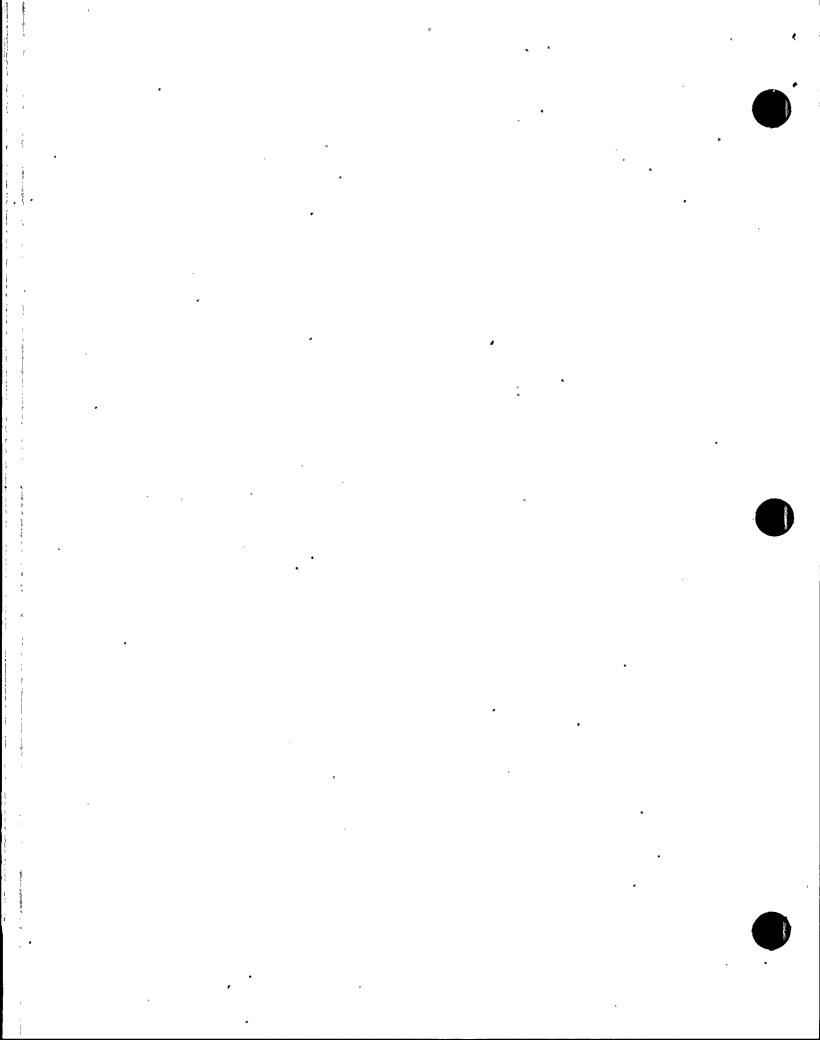
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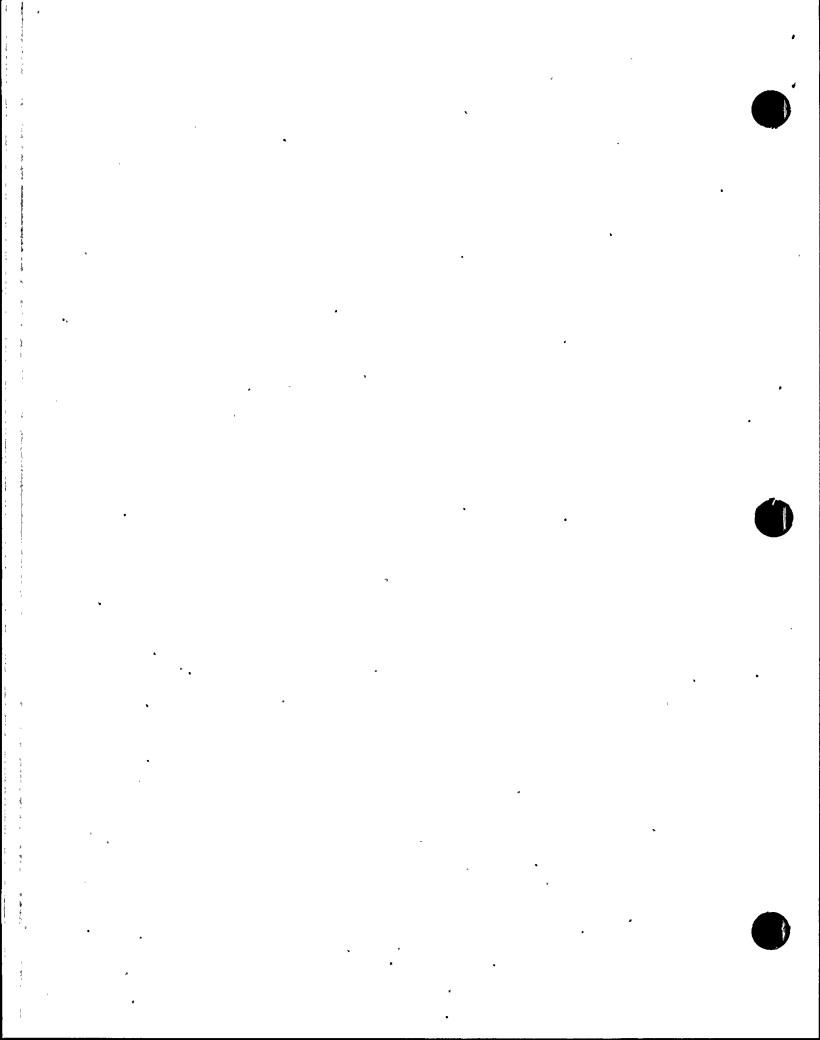
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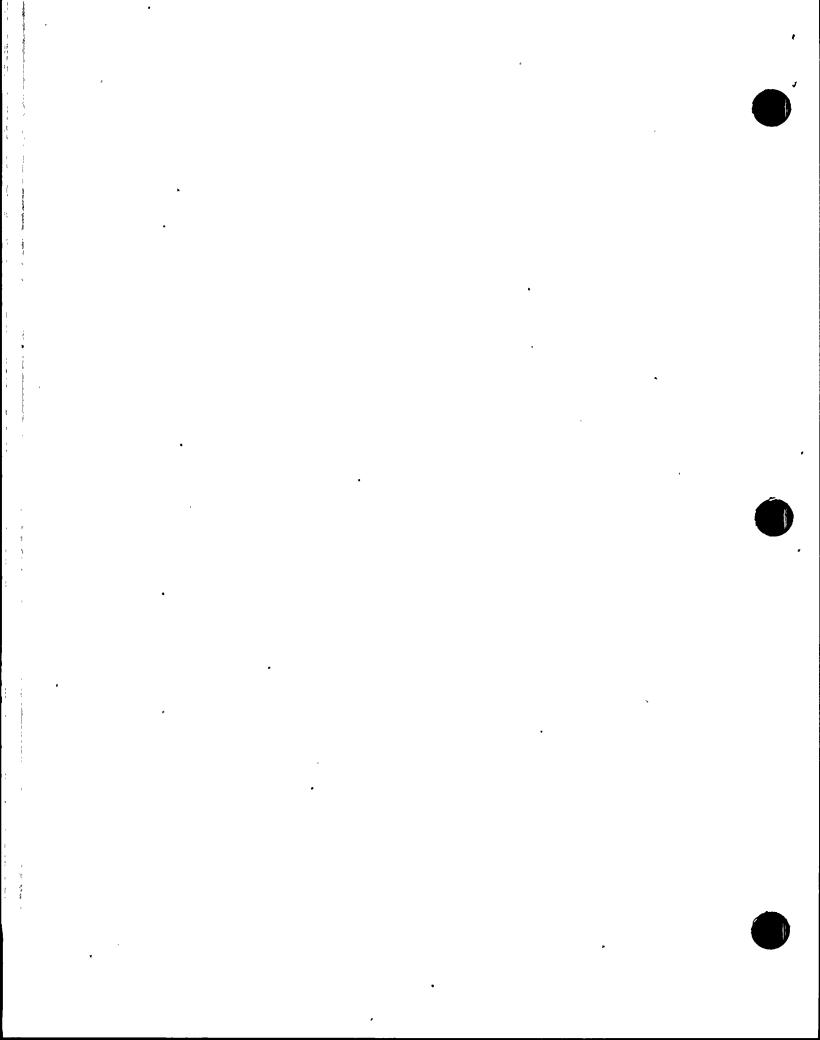


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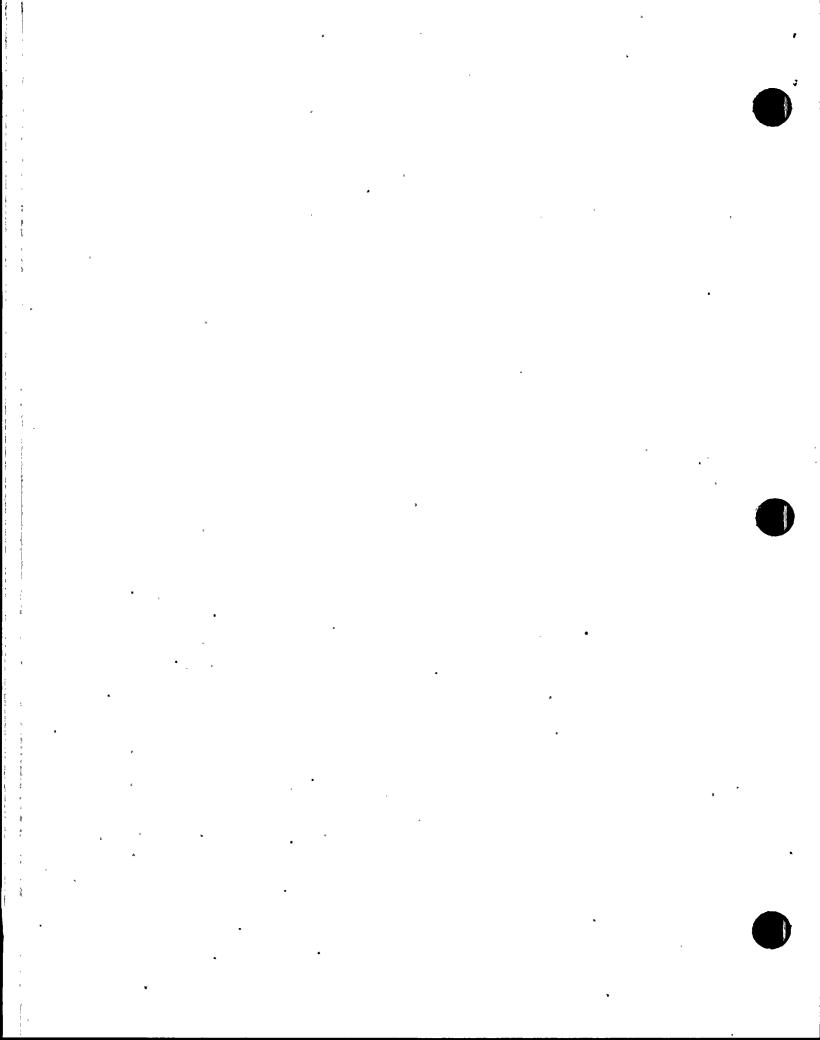
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