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Mr. Robert S. Bement
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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF INVESTIGATION (OI 4-2017-017)

Dear Mr. Bement:

This refers to an investigation conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Office of Investigations regarding activities at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. The Office of Investigations initiated the investigation to determine whether employees deliberately withheld information from the NRC regarding the availability and reliability of station blackout generators and their associated failures.

Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, the concern that employees deliberately withheld information from the NRC regarding the availability and reliability of station blackout generators and their associated failures was not substantiated. The NRC plans no further action related to the alleged wrongdoing aspect of this concern.

You should note that final NRC documents may be made available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act subject to redaction of information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. Requests under the Freedom of Information Act should be made in accordance with 10 CFR 9.23, Requests for Records. Information is accessible from the NRC's website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/foia/foia-request.html#how>.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Sincerely,

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