

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Arizona Public Service Co.
Palo Verde Unit 2

Docket No. 50-529
License No. NPF-51

During an NRC inspection conducted on December 15, 1992 through January 19, 1993, one violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C, the violation is listed below:

10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion V, requires that activities affecting quality be prescribed by documented instructions, procedures, or drawings, of a type appropriate to the circumstances.

Surveillance Test Procedure 73ST-9ZZ18, Main Steam PSV Set Pressure Verification, Revision 4, PCN 3, states in Step 8.2.10 and a note following this step: "Reperform steps 8.2.7 through 8.2.9, until three (3) consecutive lifts have been performed within 1% of the given set pressure of the valve. Record results on Appendix C, page 1 of 2. NOTE In the event of an initial test failure, DO NOT make any adjustments to valve setpoint. After a minimum 15 minute [sic] the test may be reperformed. If results are still unacceptable, adjustment of setpoint is necessary (after 2 or 3 successive out-of-tolerance lifts), Section 8.3 steps shall be performed and verified in Appendix C, page 1 of 2."

Contrary to the above, as of October 8, 1991, Test Procedure 73ST-9ZZ18, Revision 4, PCN 3, was not appropriate to the circumstances in that the procedure was not clear as to whether adjustment of a safety valve was prohibited following the first failed test during the testing sequence, or only if the first test in the testing sequence failed.

This is a Severity Level V violation (Supplement I) applicable to Unit 2.

No response to this violation is required.

Dated at Walnut Creek, California
this 2nd day of February 1993.