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Arizona Public Service Company
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Attention: Mr. T. G. Woods, Jr.
Executive Vice President
Arizona Nuclear Power Project

Gentlemen:

Subject: Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) for the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station

This refers to the SALP for the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS) conducted by this office for the period July 1, 1981 through February 28, 1983, and discussed with your management staff on May 25, 1983. The report of our meeting is attached as Enclosure 1. A copy of our SALP report is included as Enclosure 2. Also attached as Enclosure 3 is a copy of our letter dated May 10, 1983, which transmitted our SALP report to you for review prior to our May 25 meeting.

Although a response to our SALP report was not required, your letter dated June 10, 1983 presented comments regarding certain activities discussed in the enclosed SALP report and at our May 25 meeting. A copy of this letter is attached as Enclosure 4. No changes were made to our SALP report as a result of your letter or our May 25 meeting.

During our May 25 meeting, you questioned our intent regarding a statement in the first paragraph, page 6, of our SALP report, which stated, "These actions indicate concern for the establishment of proper planning..." As we stated during our meeting, the intent of this statement was that the actions taken by APS indicated a concern on your part for the proper planning and control of the activities discussed.

Overall, our assessment determined that your activities associated with the PVNGS were conducted in a cooperative, professional, and safety-conscious manner during the period of this assessment. The SALP report identifies certain aspects of your activities which merit your continued attention, and which will be examined by our ongoing inspection program. In general, however, we recognize your high level of safety performance and trust that it will continue in the future.

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We consider that this SALP process and our meeting with you were beneficial and reinforced mutual understanding of your activities and our regulatory program. Your cooperation is appreciated.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. No reply to this letter is required.

Sincerely,

J. B. Martin
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:
As stated


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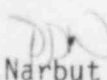
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
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