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Docket Nos. 50-528, 50-529, 50-530

Arizona Public Service Company  
P. O. Box 21666  
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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 March 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984, and discussed with your management staff on July 5, 1984. 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 June 11, 1984, which transmitted our SALP report to you for review prior to our July 5 meeting which had been rescheduled from June 27, 1984.

Although a response to our SALP report was not required, your letter dated July 25, 1984, presented comments regarding certain activities discussed in the enclosed SALP report and at our July 5 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 July 5 meeting.

Overall, our assessment determined that your activities associated with the PVNGS were conducted in a cooperative and professional manner during the period of this assessment. The SALP report identified certain activities where we believe performance has degraded since the last reporting period and which merit your continued attention. Your effort to improve areas where weaknesses have been identified will be examined during our ongoing inspection program. In general, we recognize your continued interest in improving safety performance and trust it will continue in the future.

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.

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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,  
Original signed by  
John B. Martin

John B. Martin  
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:  
As Stated

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