

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Arizona Public Service Co.
Palo Verde Unit 1

Docket No. 50-528
License No. NPF-41

During an NRC inspection conducted on July 19 through August 24, 1992, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Action," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C, the violation is listed below:

Unit 1 Technical Specification 6.11.1 requires procedures for personnel radiation protection to be prepared consistent with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 20 and to be approved, maintained, and adhered to for all operations involving personnel radiation exposure.

Licensee procedure 75AC-9RP01, "Radiation Exposure and Access Control," Revision 1.7, dated June 29, 1992, provides requirements for radiation workers entering radiation areas. Step 2.5.3 of procedure 75AC-9RP01 requires that "...Unit RP [Radiation Protection] and RP Support Services are responsible for: Issuing dosimetry to individuals as specified by the REP [Radiation Exposure Permit]."

REP 1-92-0010-A specifies that an alarming dosimeter with a setpoint of 50 millirem be worn in high radiation areas.

Contrary to the above, on August 20, 1992, procedure 75AC-9RP01 was not followed in that an alarming dosimeter was issued by Unit 1 RP operations to an NRC inspector to be used for entry into a high radiation area that was not set at 50 millirem in accordance with REP 1-92-0010-A.

This is a Severity Level IV violation applicable to Unit 1 (Supplement IV).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Arizona Public Service Company is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region V, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in the notice, the Commission may issue an order or a demand for information as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Dated at Walnut Creek, California
this 24th day of September, 1992

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