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Docket No. 50-530

Arizona Nuclear Power Project
P. O. Box 52034
Phoenix, Arizona 85072-2034

Attention: Mr. E. E. Van Brunt, Jr.
Executive Vice President

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC ENHANCED OPERATIONAL INSPECTION OF PALO VERDE UNIT 3

This refers to the enhanced operational inspection conducted by Mr. S. A. Richards, others of this office, and our consultants, on December 10-18, 1987, of activities authorized by NRC License No. NPF 74 and to the discussion of our findings with you and members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selected examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

No violations or deviations of NRC requirements were identified within the scope of this inspection.

The primary focus of the inspection was to assess the performance of your staff during the conduct of Power Ascension Testing at Unit 3. We found the conduct of operations at Unit 3 to be acceptable. Our inspection did identify several deficiencies which indicate weaknesses in your conduct of technical work. We direct your attention to paragraph 5 of the enclosed report.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be glad to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Original Signed

Robert J. Pate, Chief
Reactor Safety Branch

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