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References: 1) Letter dated December 9, 1996, from T. P. Gwynn, USNRC to

J. M. Levine, APS

2) Letter 102-03901-JML/AKK/RAS, dated March 18, 1997, from

J. M. Levine to USNRC

Dear Sirs:

Subject: Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS)

Units 1, 2, and 3

Docket Nos. STN 50-528/529/530

Clarifications to PVNGS Physical Security Plan, Amendment 42

On June 10, 1997, Daniel G. Marks (Section Leader, Nuclear Regulatory Affairs, APS) was contacted by James Clifford (Senior Project Manager, NRR), and Eugene McPeek (Safeguards Branch, Division Reactor Programs Management, NRR) and was requested to clarify sections of Amendment 42 to the PVNGS Physical Security Plan. In accordance with that request, clarifications to sections 5.3.3, 5.3.8, and 5.4.3 of Amendment 42 to the PVNGS Physical Security Plan, are attached as Enclosure 1. A matrix of the clarification changes is contained in Enclosure 2 and the revised pages of the Unit 1, 2 and 3 Operating Licenses are contained in Enclosure 3.

APS has evaluated the clarifications against the performance objectives delineated in 10 CFR 73.55 and has determined the PVNGS Physical Security Plan will maintain the objective to provide high assurance that activities involving special nuclear material are not inimical to the common defense and security and do not constitute an unreasonable risk to the public health and safety. APS has also reviewed each of these clarifications and determined that they do not affect the previously submitted 10 CFR 50.92 "No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination."

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This submittal contains documents which when separated from the aggregate Security Plan are decontrolled. However, since the information concerns the PVNGS Physical Security Plan, APS requests that the submittal be handled in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(d)(1) and should be withheld from public disclosure and should not be placed in the Public Document Room.

Should you have questions regarding this submittal, please contact David W. Crozier, Section Leader, Emergency Services, at 602-393-1609.

Sincerely,

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## Enclosures:

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 Clarifications to the Proposed Amendment 42 to the PVNGS Physical Security Plan

2) Clarification Change Matrix, PVNGS Physical Security Plan, Amendment 42

3) Revised Pages of the PVNGS Operating Licenses Units 1, 2 & 3

cc: E. W. Merschoff w/o Enclosures

K. M. Thomas Enclosure 3
E. W. McPeek with Enclosures
F. L. Brush w/o Enclosures