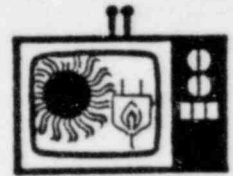


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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 522, as amended, the Coalition for Responsible Energy Education (CREE) requests the following documents regarding reported allegations concerning Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS):

Please consider "documents" to include reports, memoranda, correspondence, notes and summaries of conversations and interviews, including telephone notes, meeting notes, meeting minutes, working papers, graphs, charts, diagrams, studies, test results, computer records, and any other forms of written communication, including internal NRC Staff memoranda.

Pursuant to this request, please provide all documents prepared or utilized by, in the possession of, or routed through the NRC related to:

1. A report to the NRC from a Maricopa County newspaper reporter of allegations made to him by Palo Verde workers concerning pressures from superiors to speed up or improperly complete work activities at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station Unit 2 (and possibly Unit 3). The allegations reputedly were made during or about the first week in September, 1985, and reported to the NRC Region V Information Officer Greg Cook on or before the first week in October, 1985. The allegations were made by six electrical workers (four anonymous) at PVNGS, apparently employees of Bechtel Power Corp (BPC). The allegations reportedly dealt with multiple instances during the spring and summer of 1985 in which said electricians were instructed by supervisors or foremen to make installations in a manner they (the electricians) deemed improper. When they complained, the workers were allegedly told that it was necessary to make the installations as-is in order to complete work according to schedule, and assured that quality inspectors would subsequently identify and red-tag the improperly completed work. On at least one occasion, the workers reportedly know that work so installed was subsequently red-tagged by inspectors.

CREE is not aware of the manner (telephone conversation, written memo or letter, or direct communication) by which this information was reportedly communicated to Mr. Cook, nor of what if any action was subsequently taken. (CREE does not consider itself at liberty to divulge the source of its information.) Accordingly, CREE requests any and all documentation relating to the possible reporting of such information to Mr. Cook, as well as any and all subsequent inspection, investigation and/or enforcement activity related thereto.

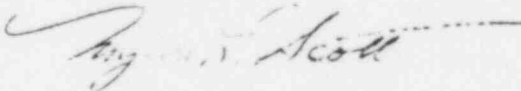
2. Similar information regarding a reported allegation during the same time frame and originating from two electricians and one engineer and/or quality assurance inspector referring to improper installation of a transformer bus plate, reportedly in the main switchyard, at PVNGS. Allegedly the plate was received from the sub-contractor vendor lacking proper silver coating. Workers were allegedly ordered to install as-is, because manufacturer has gone out of business and, therefore, replacing would be expensive and require too much time. Workers allege transformer as installed will work for a while and then go out of service. Report of allegation if any may have been to Greg Cook, Office of Inspection and Enforcement or PVNGS Resident Inspector's Office. Of course, information from any NRC sub-division regarding this reported allegation is requested.

3. All documentation related to follow-up inspection and/or investigation conducted in response to report, by CREE to PVNGS Resident Inspector, of anonymous allegation to CREE of alleged MIC contamination of Unit 1 (or 2) diesel generator heat exchanger, reported in April, 1985.

In our opinion, it is appropriate in this case for you to waive copying and search charges, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552 (a)(4)(A) "because furnishing the information can be considered as primarily benefiting the general public." The Coalition for Responsible Energy Education is a non-profit organization providing information to the general public and intervening in rate case and other proceedings involving PVNGS and affecting the general public.

These requests should be deemed, where appropriate, to be continuing in nature.

Sincerely,



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Intervention Coordinator

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