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MEMORANDUM TO: Ellis W. Merschoff
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SUBJECT: OI REPORT 4-97-027; RE: COMANCHE PEAK STEAM
ELECTRIC STATION: FALSIFICATION OF THERMOLAG
MATERIAL INSPECTION RECORDS

The above captioned OI report involves potential falsification of fire inspection reports by a fire protection engineer at Comanche Peak. OI did not substantiate the allegation. Therefore, it appears that enforcement action is not appropriate in this case for the alleged wrongdoing.

However, information in the exhibits for the OI report indicates that a question arose regarding the adequacy of the inspection procedure. Region IV should evaluate this information and process any resulting enforcement in accordance with the Enforcement Policy.

I do not intend to request an OGC analysis of this report. We will consider the matter closed unless we receive a different view within three weeks of the date of this memorandum. Please contact Dave Nelson of my staff with any comments.

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