



**UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

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September 23, 2021

Ms. Maria Lacal  
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SUBJECT: PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION UNITS 1, 2 AND 3 –  
INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL STORAGE INSTALLATION SECURITY INSPECTION REPORT  
05000528/2021404, 05000529/2021404, 05000530/2021404 AND 07200044/2021401

Dear Ms. Lacal:

On August 26, 2021, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed an inspection at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station Units 1, 2 and 3 and discussed the results of this inspection with Mr. Mike McLaughlin, Vice President, Site Services, and other members of your staff.

The NRC inspector documented one NRC identified Severity Level IV violation. The NRC is treating this violation as a non-cited violation (NCV) consistent with Section 2.3.2 of the Enforcement Policy.

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Sincerely,



Signed by Kellar, Ray  
on 09/23/21

Ray L. Kellar, P.E., Chief  
Plant Support Branch 1  
Division of Reactor Safety

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