

## Palo Verde 3

# 1Q/2004 Plant Inspection Findings

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## Initiating Events

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## Mitigating Systems



**Significance:** Dec 31, 2003

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

### **Failure to Implement Surveillance Requirement 3.5.3.8**

Green. The inspectors identified a noncited violation for the licensee's failure to implement Surveillance Requirement 3.5.3.8 for all three units. The licensee failed to identify and remove debris in Trains A and B emergency core cooling system sumps during their last performance of Procedure 31ST-SI01, "Cleaning/Inspection of ECCS Sumps," Revision 7. Specifically, the licensee failed to identify unqualified tie-wraps that were attached to the stem of the containment sump suction valves inside the emergency core cooling system sumps.

This finding is greater than minor, since it affected the mitigating system cornerstone objective of equipment reliability because the debris could have affected containment spray pump flow by clogging spray nozzles. The finding is of very low safety significance because the amount of debris would have only degraded containment spray pump flow during a potential large break loss of coolant accident, but the safety function would have been fulfilled based on the small amount of debris.

Inspection Report# : [2003005\(pdf\)](#)

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## Barrier Integrity

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## Emergency Preparedness

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## Occupational Radiation Safety

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## Public Radiation Safety

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## Physical Protection

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## Miscellaneous

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