

April 17, 2001

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SUBJECT: PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 -
ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS TO CHANGING THE MINIMUM DEPARTURE
OF THE NUCLEATE BOILING RATIO (TAC NOS. MB0745, MB0746, AND
MB0747)

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Copies of pages 2.0-1, 2.0-2, and 3.3.1-10 of the TSs, which were changed in the amendment, were enclosed in the letter dated March 28, 2001; however, in enclosing these pages, Amendment No. 133 was inadvertently listed three times in the lower-right-hand corner of the pages. Enclosed are corrected pages which have the amendment number listed only once on each page.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. STN 50-528, STN 50-529,
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