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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, the Government Accountability Project (GAP) of the Institute for Policy Studies requests copies of any and all agency records and information, including but not limited to notes, letters, memoranda, drafts, minutes, diaries, logs, calendars, tapes, transcripts, diaries, interview reports, procedures, instructions, engineering analyses, drawings, files, graphs, charts, maps, photographs, agreements, handwritten notes, studies, data sheets, notebooks, books, telephone messages, computations, voice recordings, and other data compilations, interim and/or final reports, status reports, and any and all documents related to problems encountered by the Arizona Public Service Company during hot functional testing of Palo Verde, Unit 1, including but not limited to the following failures: broken thermowells, loose and broken parts to the reactor coolant pumps, loose thermal sleeves and cracked shrouds on the CEA upper support structure.

If any records have been destroyed and/or removed, please provide all surrounding records, including but not limited to a list of all records which have been or are destroyed and/or removed, a description of the action(s) taken, relevant date(s), individual, office and/or agency-wide policies and/or justification(s) for the action(s), identification of all personnel involved with the action(s), and any and all records relevant to, generated in connection with, and/or issued in order to implement the action(s).

GAP requests that fees be waived, because "finding the information can be considered as primarily benefitting the general public." U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A). The Government Accountability Project is a non-profit, non-partisan public interest organization concerned with honest and open government. Through legal representation, advice, national conferences, films, publications and public outreach, the Project promotes whistleblowers as agents of government accountability.

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GAP requests the above information as part of an ongoing monitoring project on the adequacy of the NRC's efforts to protect public safety and health at nuclear power plants.

For any documents or portions that you deny due to a specific FOIA exemption, please provide an index itemizing and describing the documents or portions of documents withheld. The index should provide a detailed justification of your grounds for claiming each exemption, explaining why each exemption is relevant to the document or portion of the document withheld. This index is required under Vaughn v. Rosen (I) 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973), cert. denied, 415 U.S. 977 (1974).

We look forward to your response to this request within ten working days.

Sincerely yours,


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