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 testing is not being performed & that performance of subj  
 testing (18-month intervals) is necessary to comply w/  
 Reg Guide 1.108.Amend to TS will be submitted by 920901. S

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Reference: Letter dated March 2, 1992, from C. M. Trammell, Senior Project Manager,  
Project Directorate V, Division of Reactor Projects III/IV/V, NRC, to  
W. F. Conway, Executive Vice President, Nuclear, APS

Dear Sirs:

**Subject: Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS)**  
**Docket Nos. STN 50-528/529/530**  
**Units 1, 2, and 3**  
**Diesel Generator Full Load Rejection Testing**  
**File: 92-056-026; 92-005-419.5**

In response to the referenced letter, Arizona Public Service Company (APS) has determined that diesel generator full load rejection testing is not being performed on PVNGS Units 1, 2, and 3, and that performance of this testing (at 18-month intervals) is necessary to comply with Regulatory Guide 1.108. In addition, APS has determined that recovery testing is not being performed. Recovery testing requires verification that, with the diesel generator operating in a test mode (connected to its bus), a simulated safety injection signal overrides the test mode by (1) returning the diesel generator to standby operation (running unloaded) and (2) automatically energizes the emergency loads with offsite power. This testing is also required every 18 months to comply with Regulatory Guide 1.108. To correct these discrepancies, APS will submit amendments to the PVNGS Technical Specifications to incorporate this testing by September 1, 1992. These actions will ensure compliance with the UFSAR and Regulatory Guide 1.108.

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During the current Unit 1 refueling outage, the surveillance test procedures were revised for Unit 1 and full load rejection testing and recovery testing were successfully performed for the Unit 1 diesel generators. It is anticipated that the surveillance test procedures for Units 2 and 3 will be revised to incorporate these tests by September 1, 1992.

If you have additional questions, please contact Thomas R. Bradish at (602) 393-5421.

Sincerely,



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