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SUBJECT: Advises that util determined that personnel meeting & will  
continue to meet commitment to monitor for hydrogen &  
oxygen in waste gas holdup tanks by grab sampling &  
monitoring & reading data from monitors in surge tank.

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- References: 1. Letter 161-00924-EEVB/PGN, dated April 6, 1988, from E.E. VanBrunt, Jr., APS, to NRC, "Technical Specification Amendment-Sections 3/4.3.3.8 and 3/4.11.2.5"
2. Safety Evaluation by the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Related to Amendment No. 36 to Facility Operating License NPF-41, Amendment No. 23 to Facility Operating License NPF-51, and Amendment No. 12 to Facility Operating License NPF-74, dated September 6, 1988

Dear Sirs:

**Subject: Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS)**  
**Units 1, 2, and 3**  
**Docket Nos. STN 50-528/529/530**  
**Waste Gas Grab Sampling**  
**File : 93-056-026**

Reference 1 proposed modifying the monitoring requirements for hydrogen and oxygen in the waste gas holdup system contained in Technical Specifications 3/4.3.3.8 and 3/4.11.2.5. Reference 2 approved these changes. Justifications provided in support of the proposed change included the following commitment:

"Furthermore, upon receiving a high oxygen concentration alarm (2%) Chemistry will be required to obtain a grab sample of the online waste gas decay tank (WGDT) for oxygen concentration".

As a result of an internal review, APS has determined that PVNGS Chemistry personnel have been meeting, and will continue to meet, this commitment by grab sampling and reading data from the continuous oxygen concentration monitors in the waste gas surge tank and in the waste gas surge tank header located upstream of the online WGDT. Since the WGDT and the piping leading to it are continuously at a net positive pressure to prevent inleakage of oxygen from the atmosphere, the results of the sampling at this location conservatively represent oxygen concentration in the WGDT and meet the intent of the commitment described above.

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