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Dear Sirs:

**Subject: Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS)
Unit 3
Docket No. STN 50-530 (License No. NPF-74)
Special Report 3-SR-97-001**

Attached please find Special Report 3-SR-97-001 prepared and submitted pursuant to Technical Specifications (TS) Surveillance Requirement 4.4.4.5 and TS 6.9.2. This report discusses steam generator tube plugging in Unit 3. A copy of the Special Report is being forwarded to the Regional Administrator, NRC Region IV.

If you have any questions, please contact Daniel G. Marks, Section Leader, Nuclear Regulatory Affairs, at (602) 393-6492.

Sincerely,

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Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station Unit 3

Steam Generator Tube Plugging

Docket No. STN 50-530

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Special Report No. 3-SR-97-001

This Special Report is being provided pursuant to Palo Verde Unit 3 Technical Specifications (TS) Surveillance Requirement 4.4.4.5.a and TS 6.9.2 to report the number of steam generator tubes plugged as a result of inservice inspection activities. On March 25, 1997, Unit 3 was defueled during a refueling outage when an inservice inspection of both steam generators was completed. The inspection resulted in the plugging of 93 tubes in Steam Generator No. 1 and 106 tubes in Steam Generator No. 2.

Pursuant to Technical Specification 4.4.4.5.b, the complete results of the steam generator tube inservice inspection will be submitted by March 25, 1998.

VERIFICATION OF ACCURACY

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COMMITMENT/ACTION PLAN

RCTS item to T. Cannon to submit final report to NRA by February, 1998

RCTS item to NRA/Compliance (K. Roberson) to submit final report by
March 25, 1998 to NRC

CHANGES TO UFSAR

None