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condition of three MSSV discovered during pre-outage safety
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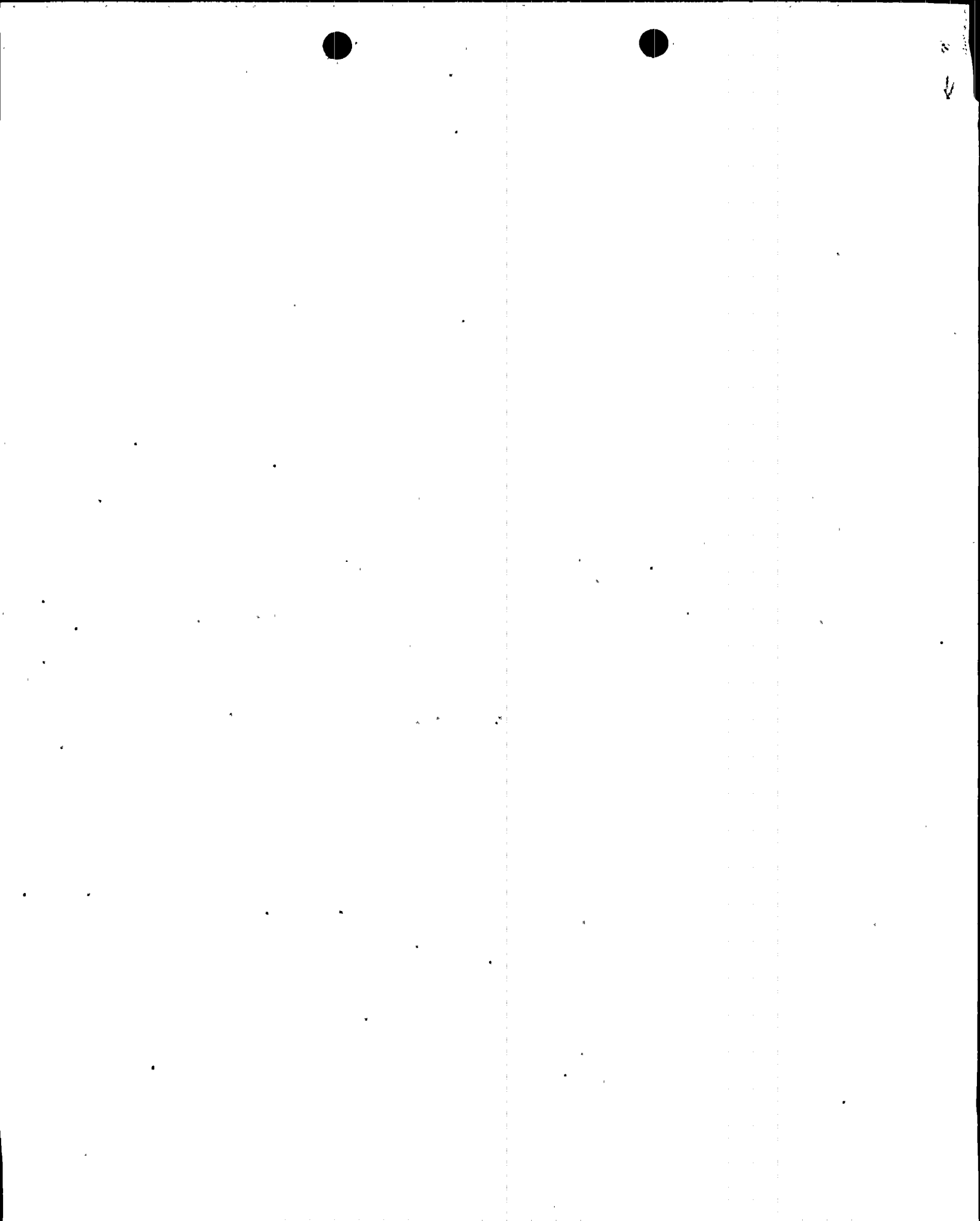
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Dear Sirs:

Subject: Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS)
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License No. NPF-41
Licensee Event Report 98-004-00

Attached please find Licensee Event Report (LER) 98-004-00 prepared and submitted pursuant to 10CFR50.73. This LER reports the out-of-tolerance as-found condition of three Main Steam Safety Valves (MSSV) discovered during pre-outage safety valve testing. The as-found lift pressures were greater than the maximum tolerance allowed by Technical Specification Limiting Condition for Operation (TS LCO) 3.7.1.1. In addition, this LER voluntarily reports a single pressurizer safety valve (PSV) found outside of the lift setting specified in TS LCO 3.4.2.2. APS commits to replacing the three MSSVs and one PSV with refurbished and recertified valves during the current refueling outage (U1R7).

In accordance with 10CFR50.73(d), a copy of this LER is being forwarded to the Regional Administrator, NRC Region IV. If you have any questions, please contact Daniel G. Marks, Section Leader, Palo Verde Regulatory Affairs, at (602) 393-6492.

Sincerely,

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