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DESCRIPTION: Ltr advising of their wish to be put on mailing list and also be granted an extension of 30 days to make their comments on the EIS trans the following: Dist Per M. Duncan				ENCLOSURES: Two-way correspondence : ltrs dated 11-24-73 2-3-74, 2-4-74, 5-10-74 and 5-22-74				
PLANT NAME: Palo Verde 1 thru 3								

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The Maricopa Audubon Society

4619 East Arcadia Lane • Phoenix, Arizona 85018

May 20, 1975



Director
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

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Dear Sirs:

This society is disappointed that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has not seen fit to provide our organization with a copy of the EAR or the EIS of the PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATIONS #1, #2, and #3.

Enclosed are copies of two-way correspondence (letters dated Nov. 24, 1973, Feb. 3, 1974, February 4, 1974, May 10, 1974, May 22, 1974) which this society has had with both Mr. Van Brunt of ANPP and Dr. Bland of NUS. The president of this society has personally consulted with both of these individuals. Absence from your EIS mailing list would appear to demonstrate a disconcerting lack of concern for local organizations which may have views adverse to certain aspects of the proposed project. It is difficult for us to believe that the ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE Company and Mr. Van Brunt would also care to disregard the input of local citizens.

Please send us a list of the individuals, agencies and organizations which received the EIS (and the EAR)? We would like to notify some of our conservation colleagues who may have also been "overlooked" in the mailing list.

We are hereby asking for an extension of the time required for our commentary to be 30 days after your mailing of a copy of the EIS to this organization. If you find this request unreasonable please let us know why.

Undoubtedly your EIS was mailed to national or regional offices of the major conservation organizations. This practice very effectively assures a critical delay or failure in the routing of the EIS which is going to be answered on a local level and which must be accomplished within the 30 day NEPA deadline. Here-in Arizona it has been our observation that other federal agencies such as the Corps of Army Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation the USDA (Forest Service), and USFWS have been most cooperative in complying with, not circumventing, the intent of the Environmental Protection Act. One only need open their EIS's to encounter their well-considered, published prefix lists of the local recipients.



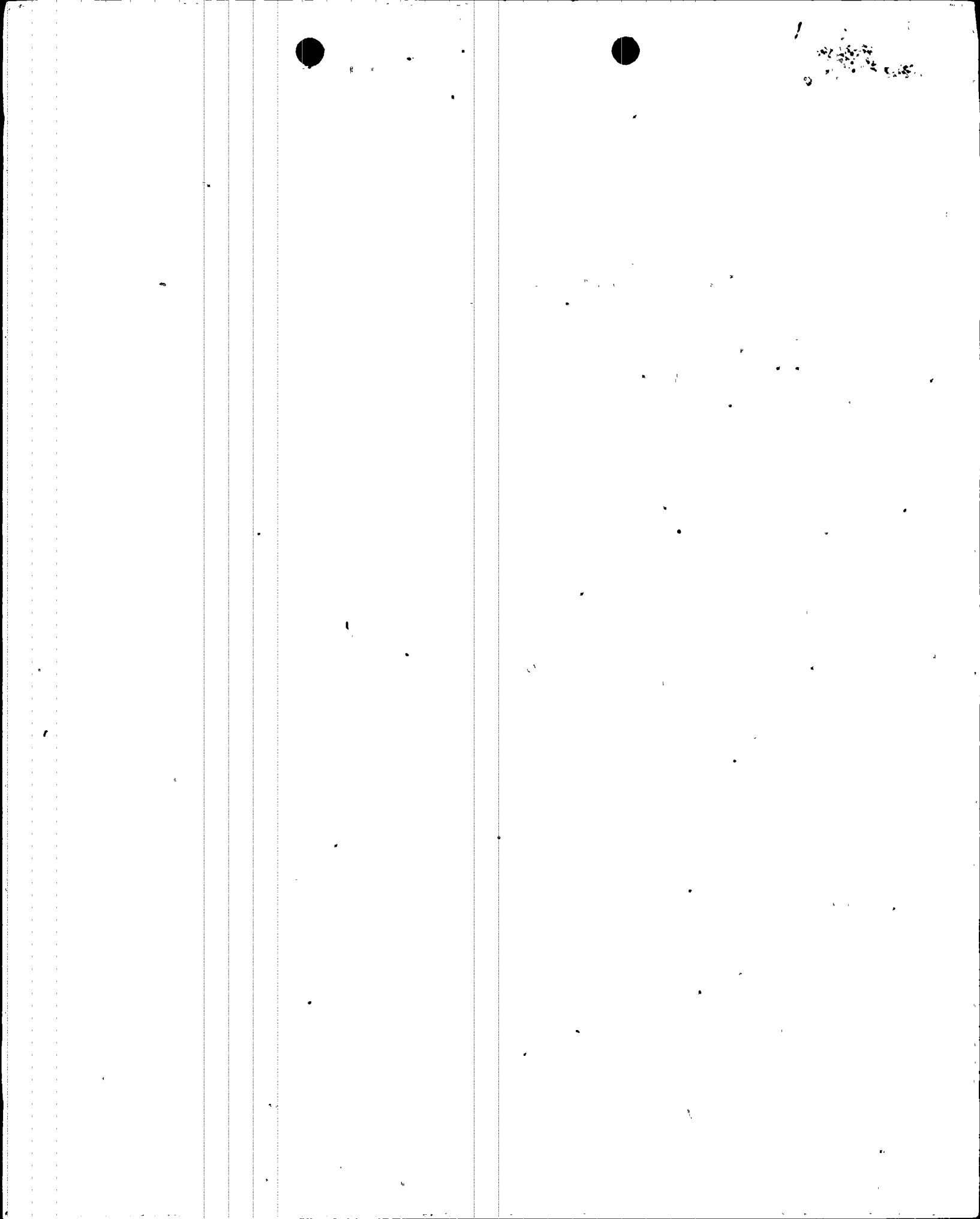
May 20, 1975

Sincerely yours,



Robert A. Witzeman, M.D., President, Maricopa Audubon Society

CC: Director, EPA, Region IX
E.E. Van Brunt, ANPP, Marilyn Bland, NUS
Tom Sullivan, Environmental Scientist, Arizona Public Service
Robert K. Turner, Regional Director, National Audubon Society





The Maricopa Audubon Society

Phoenix, Arizona

Nov. 24, 1973

E.E. Van Brunt Jr.
Arizona Nuclear Project Plant Director
P.O. Box 21666
Phoenix, Az. 85036

Dear Mr. Van Brunt,

This chapter of the National Audubon Society has great concern for the continued flow of effluent downstream from both the 23rd ave. and 91st ave. sewage treatment plants. These water flows in the Salt River bed have become a superb wildlife resource for the greater Phoenix community.

A great diversity of both avian and non-avian wildlife find food, rest, or cover in the developing lush riparian vegetation. Willows and cottonwoods have grown to great heights in only eight years since the past major flooding. Cattails have also grown up and given a remarkable variety to the habitat. These cattails have permitted a great diversity to the riverine wildlife: such as muskrat, virginia rail, sora rail, yellow-throat warbler, long-billed marsh wren, yellow-billed cuckoo, blue grosbeak, black-crowned night heron not to mention a host of species which use it for food and cover during migration or for wintering-over in our mild climate.

Very complete avifaunal censusing has been performed by our society during the past twenty years of this area and we can provide any environmental impact statement with a host of information which would point to its unique quality in our arid Arizona environment where water for wildlife is always very scarce.

This area is like a wildlife or birdwatching park for the urban citizens of greater Phoenix and for this reason it acts as a great recreational and educational resource.

It is our understanding that the ANPP may shunt or bypass the downstream flow of these waters through the installation of a conduit at the 91st and possibly the 35th ave. plants. Is there a possibility that your plans might consider drawing off this water farther downstream- say at Bullard Rd. so that both your plant and the wildlife enjoying public might both benefit from

that scarce and precious desert resource- water.

Here is hoping for the opportunity of discussing this matter with you.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert A. Witzeman

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Edwin Bräatélien, Jr., Water and Sewers Dept., City of Phoenix



The Maricopa Audubon Society

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Feb. 3, 1974

E.E. Van Brunt Jr., Director
Ariz. Nuclear Project Plant
P.O. Box 21666
Phoenix, Az. 85036

Dear Mr. Van Brunt,

I have not yet received a reply from you for my letter of Nov. 24, 1973. In that letter I suggested drawing off the effluent from Bullard Rd. or somewhere downstream from the 91st Ave. treatment plant. A weir now exists at Bullard Rd.

I have written Mr. Vondrick asking that the draw-off point be as close to your ANPP as possible to provide the maximum habitat on the Gila. All those in this county interested in the welfare of this unique Lower Sonoran riparian ecosystem would be grateful for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Witzeman, M.D., Pres.
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ARIZONA NUCLEAR POWER PROJECT

Post Office Box 21666 Phoenix, Arizona 85036

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February 4, 1974
ANPP-531

Dr. Robert A. Witzeman, M.D.
President Maricopa Audubon Society
4619 East Arcadia Lane
Phoenix, Arizona 85018

Dear Dr. Witzeman:

I must apologize for not following up on your phone conversation with our Mr. Roger Robb on November 9, 1973 or responding to your November 24, 1973 letter to me before this time. In the press of business, time has managed somehow to slip by at a rapid rate.

We have reviewed your conversation with Mr. Robb and your letter of November 24, 1973 and agree that some consideration should be given to continued sewage effluent flow downstream of the 91st Avenue sewage treatment plant and the vegetation belt created by that effluent flow. We understand how your society would be concerned about this matter.

As you indicate in your letter, we will be required to file an environmental report for our project with the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. This procedure will also result in review of that report by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Council on Environmental Quality as well as other Federal and State agencies. Matters such as the one you raise as well as a multitude of other potential impacts will be considered in that report. We have been gathering information and developing some preliminary thoughts on this matter.

Since this is a matter of some complexity, we would as you suggest, like to meet with you to discuss this subject. Please contact me to arrange a mutually agreeable time and place.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Van Brunt

E. E. Van Brunt, Jr.
ANPP Project Director

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*Letter corrected May 22, 1974
to Dr. Bland*

May 10, 1974

Client No. 2123

Robert A. Witzeman, M.D., President
Maricopa Audubon Society
4619 E. Arcadia Lane
Phoenix, Arizona 85018

Dear Dr. Witzeman:

We appreciate the information concerning the proposed Salt River natural area between 91st and 115th Avenues of Phoenix. obtained from you in a personal interview on March 28, 1974. We would like to verify our restatements of your comments and (re)affirm that we have permission to cite you as having provided us with the following:

1. The proposed Salt River natural area has some of the best waterbird habitat in the central Arizona lowlands.

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2. The only area similar to this stretch in Maricopa County is the marsh and deciduous forest riparian vegetation along Granite Reef Dam along the Verde River where it converges with the Salt. Except for a five-mile stretch, the latter area may be inundated if the Central Arizona Project's Orme Dam is constructed.

Unless we hear from you to the contrary, it will be understood that to all intents and purposes you find the above restatements correct and agree that we may cite you as the information source. In addition, we would further appreciate your signing, dating and returning the attached copy in the enclosed, pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

If any questions arise, please do not hesitate to call collect.

Sincerely,

Marilyn K. Bland
Marilyn K. Bland
Project Manager

Signature

Date

MKB/vtp

cc: P.V. Morgan
P.J. Moore
B.R. Johnson

