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January 9, 2020

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SUBJECT: PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 – NRC
REVISED SECURITY INSPECTION REPORT 05000528/2019411,
05000529/2019411, AND 05000530/2019411

Dear Mr. Bement:

On October 29, 2019, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed an inspection at your Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3. The NRC inspectors discussed the results of this inspection with Ms. Maria Lacal, Senior Vice President, Regulatory and Oversight, and other members of your staff. The NRC has discovered an error in a heading located on the summary page of the inspection report. The NRC has reissued the report in its entirety to correct this error.

NRC inspectors documented two findings of very low safety significance (Green) in this report. Both of these findings involved violations of NRC requirements. We are treating these violations as non-cited violations (NCVs) consistent with Section 2.3.2 of the Enforcement Policy.

If you contest the violations or significance of these NCVs, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555-0001; with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region IV; the Director, Office of Enforcement; and the NRC resident inspectors at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station.

One cross-cutting aspect was assigned to a finding in the area of Human Performance, Resources, because leaders did not ensure that procedures were adequate to support nuclear safety [H.1].

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If you disagree with a cross-cutting aspect assignment in this report, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your disagreement, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555-0001; with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region IV; the Director, Office of Enforcement; and the NRC resident inspectors at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station.

This letter will be available electronically for public inspection and copying at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> and at the NRC Public Document Room in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390, "Public Inspections, Exemptions, Requests for Withholding."

However, the enclosed report contains Security-Related Information, so the enclosed report will not be made publicly available in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(d)(1). If you choose to provide a response that contains Security-Related Information, please mark your entire response "Security-Related Information – Withhold from Public Disclosure under 10 CFR 2.390," in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(d)(1) and follow the instructions for withholding in 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1). The NRC is waiving the affidavit requirements for your response in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1)(ii).

Sincerely,

/RA/

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