

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Arizona Public Service Co.
Palo Verde Unit 2

Docket No. 50-529
License No. NPF-51

During an NRC inspection conducted on August 25 through September 30, 1992, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Action," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C, the violation is listed below:

Unit 2 Technical Specification 6.8.1 states in part: "Written procedures shall be established, implemented, and maintained covering the activities ... recommended in Appendix A of Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 2, February, 1978."

Appendix A of Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 2, recommends procedures for safe operation and shutdown.

Procedure 40AC-90P02, "Conduct of Shift Operations," step 3.2.2.8, which implements in part the operations procedures recommendation of Regulatory Guide 1.33, requires that "On shift personnel shall be aware of and responsible for plant status ... They shall be attentive to instrumentation and respond to abnormal indications until corrected or verified to be false by other instrumentation."

Contrary to the above, on September 3, 1992, Unit 2 control room personnel were not attentive to plant instrumentation and failed to respond to an abnormal alarm indication caused by high level in the non-ESF sump in the Auxiliary Building which later resulted in flooding of the Auxiliary Building.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement I) applicable to Unit 2.

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Arizona Public Service Company is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region V, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, the Commission may issue an order or a demand for information as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Dated at Walnut Creek, California
this 3rd day of Nov, 1992

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