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**SUBJECT: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LETTER FOR PALO VERDE NUCLEAR  
GENERATING STATION – UNITS 1, 2 AND 3 (REPORT 05000528/2025006  
AND 05000529/2025006 AND 05000530/2025006)**

Dear Adam Heflin:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed its end-of-cycle performance assessment of Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2 and 3, reviewing performance indicators (PIs), inspection results, and enforcement actions from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. This letter informs you of the NRC's assessment of your facility during this period and its plans for future inspections at your facility. The NRC concluded that overall performance at your facility preserved public health and safety. The baseline inspection program was completed at your facility as defined in Inspection Manual Chapter 2515, "Light-Water Reactor Inspection Program - Operations Phase."

The NRC determined the performance at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, during the most recent quarter was within the Licensee Response Column, the highest performance category of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Action Matrix, because all inspection findings had very low safety significance (i.e., Green), and all PIs were within the expected range (i.e., Green). Therefore, the NRC plans to conduct ROP baseline inspections at your facility.

The enclosed inspection plan lists the inspections scheduled through December 31, 2027. The NRC provides the inspection plan to allow for the resolution of any scheduling conflicts and personnel availability issues. Routine inspections performed by resident inspectors are not included in the inspection plan. The inspections listed during the last twelve months of the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised. The NRC will contact you as soon as possible to discuss changes to the inspection plan should circumstances warrant any changes.

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Please contact me at 817-200-1574 with any questions you have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Signed by Dixon, John  
on 03/11/26

John L. Dixon, Jr., Chief  
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Docket Nos. 05000528; 05000529; 05000530  
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Enclosure:  
Inspection Plan

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ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LETTER FOR PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION  
 UNITS 1, 2 AND 3 (REPORT 05000528/2025006 AND 05000529/2025006 AND  
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# Site Inspection Activity Plan

## Palo Verde

01/01/2026 - 12/31/2027

Unit	Start	End	Activity	CAC	Title	Staff Count
<b>Comprehensive Engineering Team Inspection - Palo Verde</b>						7
1,2,3	1/26/2026	1/30/2026	IP 71111.21M	000713	Comprehensive Engineering Team Inspection	
1,2,3	2/9/2026	2/13/2026	IP 71111.21M	000713	Comprehensive Engineering Team Inspection	
<b>EP Program &amp; PI Inspection (2026) - PV</b>						1
1,2,3	3/16/2026	3/20/2026	IP 71114.02	000717	Alert and Notification System Testing	
1,2,3	3/16/2026	3/20/2026	IP 71114.03	000718	Emergency Response Organization Staffing and Augmentation System	
1,2,3	3/16/2026	3/20/2026	IP 71114.04	000719	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes	
1,2,3	3/16/2026	3/20/2026	IP 71114.05	000720	Maintenance of Emergency Preparedness	
<b>RP 1,3,PI - PV</b>						2
1,2,3	4/6/2026	4/10/2026	IP 71124.01	000725	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1,2	4/6/2026	4/10/2026	IP 71124.03	000727	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
<b>Inservice Inspection - PV (U2)</b>						2
2	4/13/2026	4/24/2026	IP 71111.08P	000702	Inservice Inspection Activities (PWR)	
<b>PV 2026 INITIAL EXAM</b>						8
1,2,3	4/12/2026	4/18/2026	OV	000956	FB-OR-Onsite Validation Of Initial License Examination (OV)	
1,2,3	5/10/2026	5/16/2026	EXAD	000500	FB-OR-Initial License Exam Administration (EXAD)	
<b>Security 71130.02/.04/.05</b>						5
1,2,3	5/11/2026	5/14/2026	IP 71130.02	000734	Access Control	
1,2,3	5/11/2026	5/14/2026	IP 71130.04	000736	Equipment Performance, Testing, and Maintenance	
1,2,3	5/11/2026	5/14/2026	IP 71130.05	000737	Protective Strategy Evaluation	
1,2,3	5/11/2026	5/14/2026	IP 71130.09	001656	Security Plan Changes	
1,2,3	5/11/2026	5/14/2026	IP 71130.14	000743	Review of Power Reactor Target Sets	
1,2,3	5/11/2026	5/14/2026	IP 71153	001341	Follow-Up of Events and Notices of Enforcement Discretion	
<b>Cybersecurity-PV</b>						3
1,2,3	5/11/2026	5/16/2026	IP 71130.10	000741	Cybersecurity	
<b>PV 2026 BRQ</b>						2
1,2,3	8/30/2026	9/5/2026	IP 71111.11B	000704	Licensed Operator Requalification Program and Licensed Operator Performance	
<b>Inservice Inspection - PV (U1)</b>						1
1	10/19/2026	10/30/2026	IP 71111.08P	000702	Inservice Inspection Activities (PWR)	
<b>Security 71130.02/.07/.08</b>						3
1,2,3	1/11/2027	1/15/2027	IP 71130.02	000734	Access Control	
1,2,3	1/11/2027	1/15/2027	IP 71130.07	000739	Security Training	
1,2,3	1/11/2027	1/15/2027	IP 71130.08	000740	Fitness-For-Duty Program	

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1,2,3	1/11/2027	1/15/2027	IP 71130.09	001656	Security Plan Changes	
1,2,3	1/11/2027	1/15/2027	IP 71151	001338	Performance Indicator Verification	
<b>Focused Engineering Inspection 1 - PV</b>						<b>3</b>
1,2,3	1/25/2027	1/29/2027	IP 71111.21N	000714	Focused Engineering Inspections (FEI Placeholder)	
1,2,3	2/8/2027	2/12/2027	IP 71111.21N	000714	Focused Engineering Inspections (FEI Placeholder)	
<b>EP Exercise &amp; PI Inspection (2027) - PV</b>						<b>5</b>
1,2,3	3/8/2027	3/12/2027	IP 71114.01	000716	Exercise Evaluation	
1,2,3	3/8/2027	3/12/2027	IP 71114.04	000719	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes	
1,2,3	3/8/2027	3/12/2027	IP 71151	001397	Performance Indicator Verification	
<b>RP 5,8 - PV</b>						<b>2</b>
1,2,3	3/22/2027	3/26/2027	IP 71124.05	000729	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
1,2,3	3/22/2027	3/26/2027	IP 71124.08	000732	Radioactive Solid Waste Processing & Radioactive Material Handling, Storage, & Transportation	
<b>Inservice Inspection- PV (U3)</b>						<b>1</b>
3	4/12/2027	4/23/2027	IP 71111.08P	000702	Inservice Inspection Activities (PWR)	
<b>PV 2027 INITIAL EXAM</b>						<b>8</b>
1,2,3	3/28/2027	4/3/2027	OV	000956	FB-OR-Onsite Validation Of Initial License Examination (OV)	
1,2,3	5/9/2027	5/15/2027	EXAD	000500	FB-OR-Initial License Exam Administration (EXAD)	
<b>2027 Problem Identification and Resolution Inspection - Palo Verde</b>						<b>4</b>
1,2,3	7/12/2027	7/16/2027	IP 71152B	000747	Problem Identification and Resolution	
1,2,3	7/26/2027	7/30/2027	IP 71152B	000747	Problem Identification and Resolution	
<b>Inservice Inspection- PV (U2)</b>						<b>1</b>
2	10/18/2027	10/30/2027	IP 71111.08P	000702	Inservice Inspection Activities (PWR)	
<b>RP 1,4,PI - PV</b>						<b>2</b>
1,2,3	10/18/2027	10/22/2027	IP 71124.01	000725	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1,2,3	10/18/2027	10/22/2027	IP 71124.04	000728	Occupational Dose Assessment	
1,2,3	10/18/2027	10/22/2027	IP 71151	000746	Performance Indicator Verification	

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<b>Security 81311</b>						1
	1/11/2027	1/15/2027	IP 81311	001006	Physical Security Requirements for Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installations	

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