

PRIORITY ATTENTION REQUIRED MORNING REPORT - REGION IV JANUARY 7, 2000

Licensee/Facility:

Notification:

Arizona Public Service Co.
Palo Verde 2
Wintersburg, Arizona
Dockets: 50-529
PWR/CE80

MR Number: **4-00-0001**
Date: 01/07/00
BY TELECON FROM RESIDENT INSPECTOR

Subject: UNPLANNED PLANT SHUTDOWN TO REPAIR MAIN CONDENSER TUBE LEAK

Reportable Event Number: N/A

Discussion:

On January 6, 2000, at 1:15 a.m. (MST), Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station Unit 2 completed an unplanned reactor shutdown to repair one ruptured main condenser tube. The ruptured tube caused the concentration of sodium in the steam generators to exceed action levels that required a plant shutdown. The shutdown was conducted without incident and all equipment functioned as designed. Unit 2 is currently in Mode 3 and repairs are underway.

Unit 2 was scheduled to be shut down on January 7 to repair a previously identified but separate problem in the main condenser.

Regional Action:

Resident inspectors will monitor activities during the unplanned outage.

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