PRIORITY ATTENTION REQUIRED MORNING REPORT - REGION IV JANUARY 14, 2000

Licensee/Facility:

Notification:

Arizona Public Service Co. Palo Verde 2 Wintersburg, Arizona

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MR Number: 4-00-0006 Date: 01/14/00 TELECON FROM SRI

Subject: RESTART OF PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNIT 2

Discussion:

This updates MR 4-00-0001 issued January 7. On January 13, 2000, at 12:40 a.m. (MST), Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 2, was connected to the grid after a 7-day outage. The outage started at 1:15 a.m. on January 6, after plant management ordered a shutdown when a condenser tube ruptured. This rupture caused sodium levels in the steam generators to exceed action levels. During the outage, twelve of 21 expansion joints in the "B" shell of the main condenser were replaced and the leaking condenser tube was plugged. The startup was conducted without incident and all equipment is functioning as designed.

Regional Action:

Resident inspectors are monitoring licensee activities.

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