

United States Senate

November 29, 1991

Mr. Dennis K. Rathbun
Director, Congressional Affairs
Office of Government and Public Affairs
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Rathbun:

I have received the enclosed letter from Mr. Larry Owen Lundy regarding the Palo Verde Nuclear Plant.

I would appreciate your assistance in responding to my constituent's concerns. Please look into this matter and report back directly to my constituent with your findings. Please provide my office with a copy of your response.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

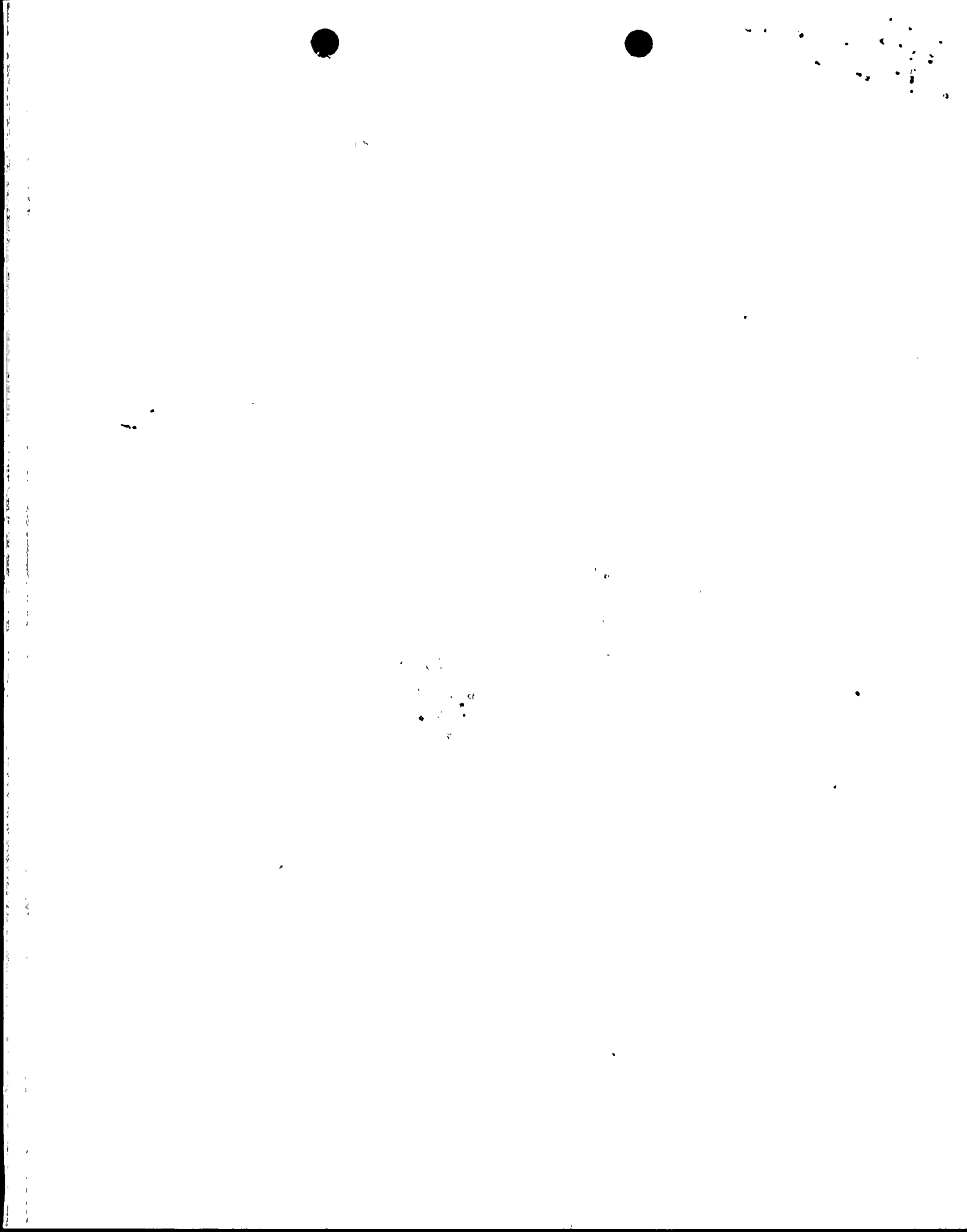
Sincerely,



Jeff Bingaman
United States Senator

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Enclosure

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Mr. Larry Owen Lundy
P.O. Box 598
Aztec, New Mexico 87410

Dear Mr. Lundy:

Senator Bingaman requested that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) respond to your letter dated July 1, 1991, concerning the Palo Verde Nuclear Plant in Phoenix, Arizona.

The Palo Verde Nuclear Station (Plant) has three operating units. Full power licenses were granted for Units 1, 2 and 3, on June 1, 1985, April 24, 1986, and November 25, 1987, respectively. These licenses were only granted after thorough licensing reviews and preoperational testing for each unit. The information regarding the authorization to operate at 100% is inaccurate. At present these plants are authorized to operate at 100% full power.

To respond to your fears about nuclear energy, the NRC, has the sole responsibility in this country to regulate nuclear power. With this responsibility, the NRC has the major function to protect the health and safety of the public. To further carry out this function, the NRC has stationed employees, Resident Inspectors, at all nuclear power plants, including Palo Verde. These Resident Inspectors monitor plant operations ensuring that the facility is safely operated in accordance with technical specifications and conditions associated with the operating license.

In order to make information publically available, NRC has established a local public document room (PDR) for Palo Verde Nuclear Station. This PDR is located at the Phoenix Public Library, 12 East McDowell Road, Phoenix, Arizona.

We hope that our response to your concerns show you that the NRC is taking appropriate actions to ensure safe operation of all Palo Verde Nuclear Station operating reactors.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Murley, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

cc: The Honorable Jeff Bingaman

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Mr. Larry Owen Lundy
P.O. Box 598
Aztec, New Mexico 87410

Dear Mr. Lundy:

Senator Bingaman requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) respond to your letter of June 24, 1991, concerning the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station in Phoenix, Arizona.

Palo Verde has three operating units. The NRC granted full power licenses for Units 1, 2 and 3, on June 1, 1985, April 24, 1986, and November 25, 1987, respectively. These licenses were granted after thorough licensing reviews and successful completion of preoperational testing for each unit. The information regarding the authorization to operate at 50-percent power is inaccurate. At present these plants are authorized to operate at 100-percent power.

You expressed fears about nuclear energy. The NRC has the sole responsibility in this country to regulate commercial nuclear power and to protect the health and safety of the public and the environment. To assist in carrying out this charter, the NRC has stationed resident inspectors at all nuclear power plants, including Palo Verde. These resident inspectors monitor plant operations ensuring that the facility is safely operated in accordance with technical specifications and conditions associated with the operating license.

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We hope that our response to your concerns show you that the NRC is taking appropriate actions to ensure safe operation of each operating reactor at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Murley, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

cc: The Honorable Jeff Bingaman

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Sen. Jeff Bingaman

TO:

Dennis Rathbun, OCA

FOR SIGNATURE OF:

** GRN **

CRC NO: 91-1172

Murley

DESC:

ENCLOSES LETTER FROM LARRY OWEN LUNDY REGARDING
PALO VERDE

ROUTING:

Taylor
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Thompson
Blaha
JMartin, RV

DATE: 12/10/91

ASSIGNED TO:

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CONTACT:

Murley

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P.O. Box 598
Aztec, N.M. 87410
June 24, 1991

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Senator Jeff Bingaman
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Bingaman:

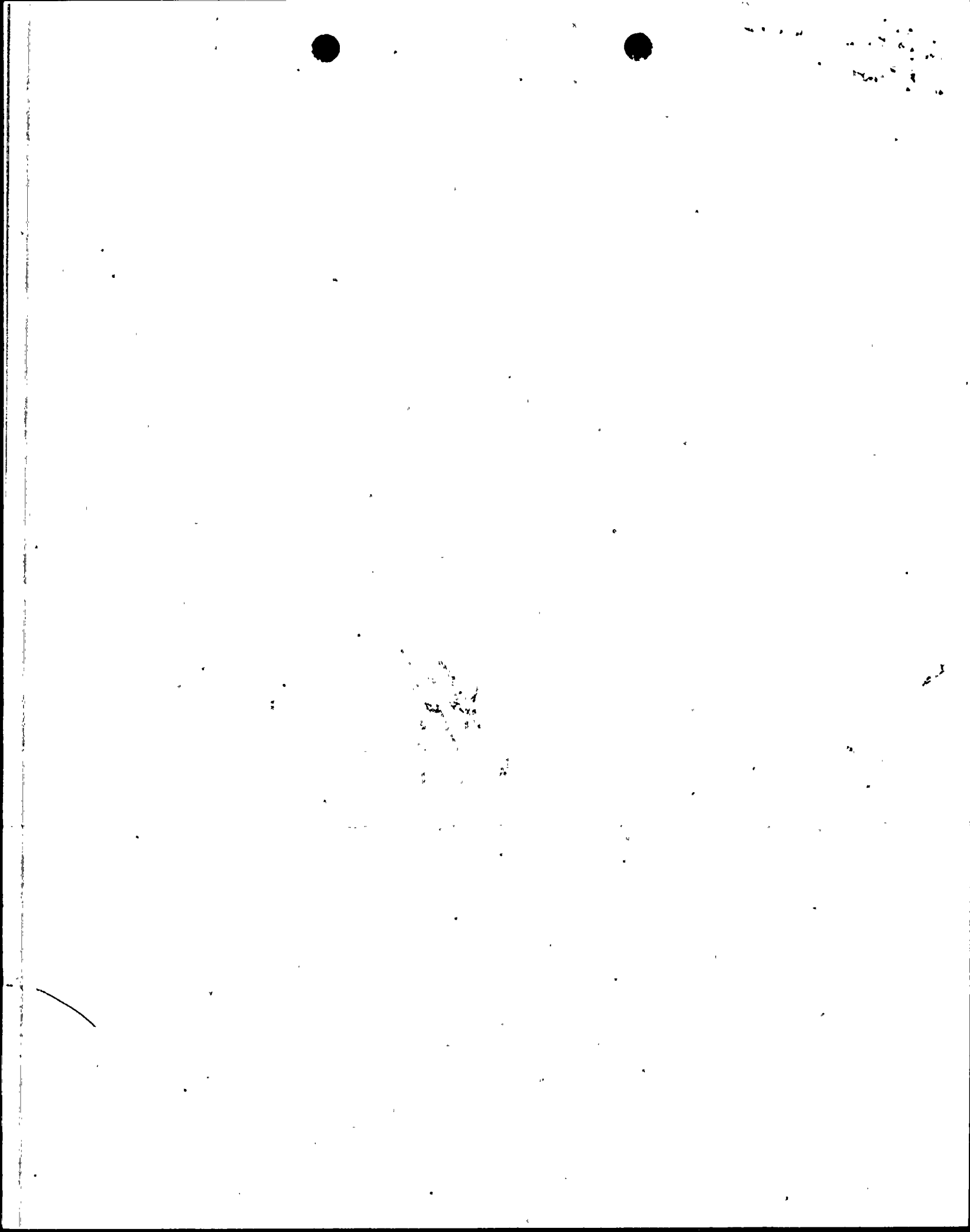
I heard something which greatly disturbs me! I heard that the Palo Verde Nuclear Plant outside of Phoenix has been running at near maximum capacity when it has only been certified and authorized to run at 50% capacity. Is this true? If so, it must be stopped!

Do we want a Chernobyl disaster to happen in our country?

Senator Bingaman, in God's name, I ask you to see if this is true and, if so, please stop it. I am frightened by nuclear power. It is not, and never will be, safe! The dangers are not worth the risks. We do not need nuclear power!!

Sincerely,
Larry Owen Lundy

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October 28, 1991

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TO: Addressees Listed

SUBJECT: MONTHLY OPERATING REPORT FOR PALO VERDE UNITS 1, 2, AND 3

The following documents concerning our review of the subject facility are transmitted for your information.

DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT	DATED
Notice of Receipt of Application	
Draft/Final Environmental Statement	
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Safety Evaluation Report, or Supplement No. _____	
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Exemption	
Construction Permit No. CPPR— _____, Amendment No. _____	
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Order	
Monthly Operating Report for <u>Palo Verde 1/2/3 dtd SEPT 1991</u> transmitted by Letter	10/14/91
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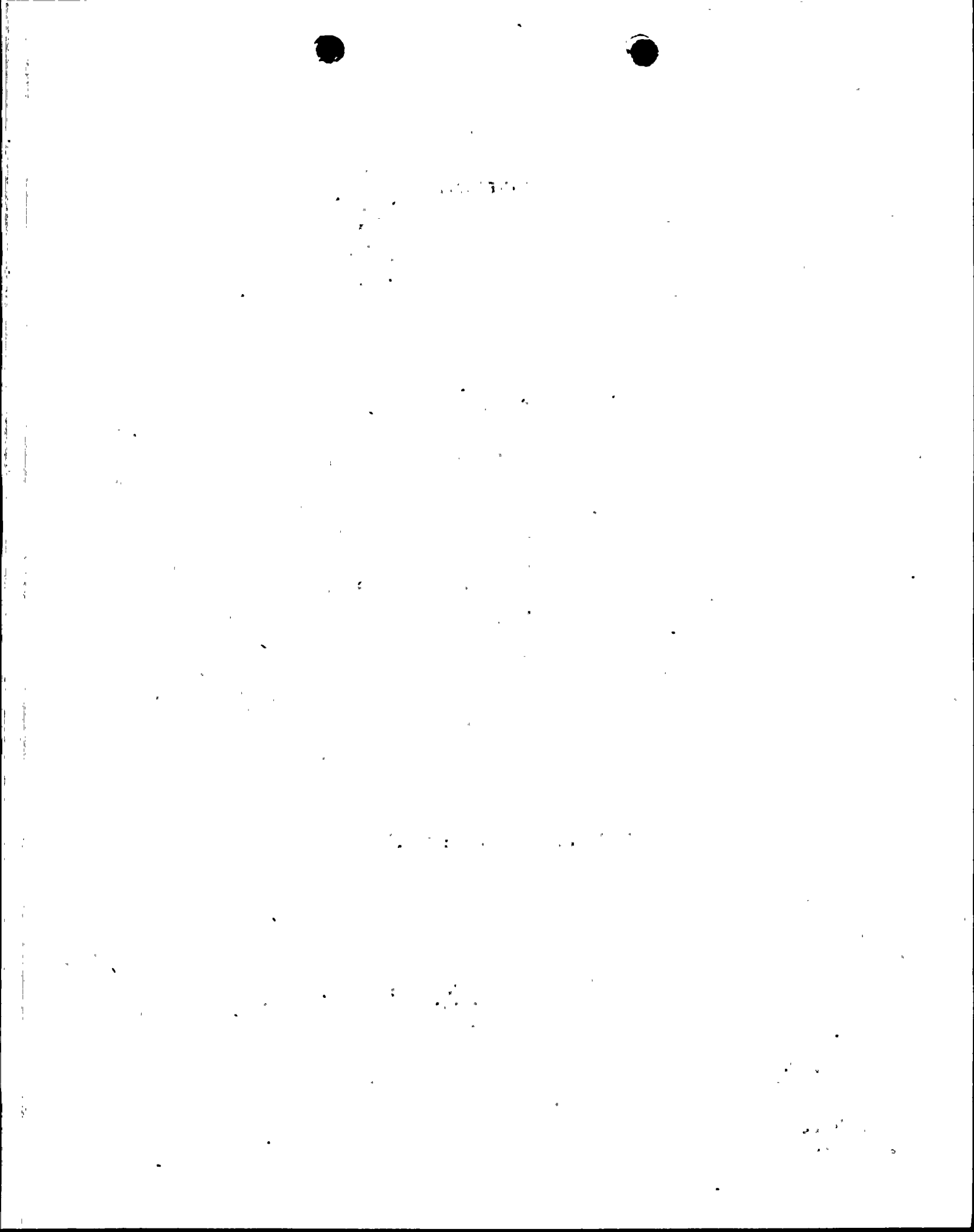
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	Facility Operating License No. _____, Amendment No. _____	
	Order	
X	Monthly Operating Report for <u>Aug 91 for Units 1, 2, and 3</u> transmitted by Letter	
	Annual/Semi-Annual Report: <u>revised rpts for May and June 91 for Unit 3</u> transmitted by Letter	
	Other _____	

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X	Annual/Semi-Annual Report: <u>Semiannual Radioactive Effluent Release Report, Jan-June 1991</u> transmitted by Letter	
	Other _____	

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