



**UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

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August 08, 2022

Mr. Adam Heflin
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SUBJECT: PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION – SECURITY BASELINE
INSPECTION REPORT 05000528/2022402 AND 05000529/2022402 AND
05000530/2022402

Dear Mr. Heflin:

On July 28, 2022, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed an inspection at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. On July 28, 2022, the NRC inspectors discussed the results of this inspection with Mr. Michael McLaughlin, Vice President of Site Services, and other members of your staff. The results of this inspection are documented in the enclosed report.

No NRC-identified or self-revealing findings were identified during this inspection.

A licensee-identified violation which was determined to be of very low security significance is documented in this report. We are treating this violation as a non-cited violation (NCV) consistent with Section 2.3.2 of the Enforcement Policy.

If you contest the violation or the significance or severity of the violation documented in this inspection report, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555-0001; with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region IV; the Director, Office of Enforcement; the Director, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response; and the NRC Resident Inspector at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station.

This letter will be made available for public inspection and copying at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> and at the NRC Public Document Room in accordance with Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations 2.390, "Public Inspections, Exemptions, Requests for Withholding."

The enclosed report contains Security-Related Information, so the enclosed report will not be made publicly available in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10

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Sincerely,



Signed by Kellar, Ray
on 08/08/22

Ray L. Kellar, P.E., Chief
Physical Security Branch
Division of Radiological Safety & Security

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