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**SUBJECT: Evaluation of a Deviation for Notification under the Provisions of 10CFR21**

To Whom It May Concern:

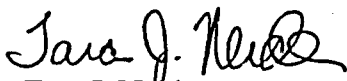
The purpose of this letter is to inform the staff of a condition being evaluated by Transnuclear, Inc. (TN) as a potential defect requiring notification under the provisions of 10CFR21.

TN was informed by our fabrication supplier Southern California Edison (SCE) of a nonconforming condition relative to the inadvertent failure to remove identification stickers from boral panels during the guide sleeve assembly process associated with fabrication of (17) 24PT1 DSCs for SONGS Unit 1. As a result of this notification and the associated TN review, Corrective Action Report No. 2006-098 was initiated resulting in the escalation of our evaluation of the identified deviation as a potential defect subject to the notification requirements of 10CFR21. In accordance with TN procedural requirements, the date of discovery was established as 8/2/2006.

We are progressing with the evaluation and expect to have it completed within the prescribed sixty (60) days defined in 10CFR21.21(a)(1). If for any reason we cannot complete the evaluation within sixty days, we will provide the interim notification required by 10CFR21.21(a)(2).

Any questions you may have regarding this matter should be directed to Steven C. White, Director Corporate Quality Assurance at 410-910-6870.

Very truly yours,



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