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Subject: Docket No. 50-361
Special Report, "Vibration and Loose-Parts Monitoring System"
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 2

Gentlemen:

This letter provides a Special Report to the NRC in accordance with Licensee Controlled Specification (LCS) 3.3.108. This LCS requires Southern California Edison (SCE) to maintain the loose parts detection function of the Vibration and Loose Parts Monitoring System (V&LPMS) operable when Unit 2 is operating in Modes 1 and 2. If one or more channels become inoperable, this LCS requires the channel(s) to be restored to operable status within 30 days, or a Special Report must be submitted within the next 10 days.

On March 16, 2000, the Alarm Module Unit (AMU) of the V&LPMS was removed from service and subsequently shipped to the vendor (ABB-CE) to re-load its software. After the AMU was returned, SCE began to reinstall the AMU but encountered unexpected electronic noise that precluded returning the AMU to service.

Since then, SCE was able to correct the electronic noise issue and returned the V&LPMS to service on April 18, 2000.

This letter contains no new commitments. If you require any additional information, please so advise.

Sincerely,



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