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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn.: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

UPDATE TO THE RANCHO SECO FUEL LOAD SCHEDULE

Attention: Randy Hall

The purpose of this letter is to update the NRC on our current schedule for pre-operational testing and fuel transfer operations at Rancho Seco. We currently show the following schedule:

| <u><i>Fuel Transfer Operation</i></u> | <u><i>Forecast Start Date</i></u> |
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| • Internal dry run | Week of January 29, 2001 |
| • Pre-operational testing for the NRC | |
| • First phase (activities not involving the use of the spent fuel pool) | March 12, 2001 |
| • Second phase (activities conducted in the spent fuel pool) | March 22, 2001 |
| • Begin fuel transfer operations | April 2, 2001 |

We will keep you informed if there are any significant changes to our schedule.

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If you, or members of your staff, have questions requiring additional information or clarification, please contact Bob Jones at (916) 732-4843.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Redeker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Steve Redeker
Manager, Plant Closure & Decommissioning

Cc: E.W. Merschoff, NRC, Region IV