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Subject: **Docket No. 50-362**  
**Report of NPDES Permit Violation**  
**San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 3**

Reference: Letter, H. W. Newton (SCE) to John Robertus (California Regional Water Quality Control Board [CRWQCB]), "NPDES Discharge Monitoring Report, Unit 3," November 26, 2001

Gentlemen:

Section 3.2, Appendix B of Operating License and Technical Specification, License No. NPF-10 for San Onofre Unit 3 requires violations of the NPDES Permit or State certification (pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act), to be reported to the NRC by submittal of copies of the reports required by the NPDES Permit or certification. This letter provides one such report.

In the referenced letter, SCE reported to the CRWQCB that a sample obtained on the Unit 3 oily waste flocculator on October 1, 2001 indicated an exceedance of oil and grease. The sample for oil and grease was analyzed and the result was 20.6 mg/l which exceeded the instantaneous limit of 20 mg/l. The high oil and grease result was likely due to the flocculator being in service for an extended period of time. Subsequent analysis noted a return to normal limits.

Additional details can be found in the attached referenced letter.

If you require additional information, please contact Clay E. Williams at (949) 368-6707.

Sincerely,



Attachment

cc: E. W. Merschoff, Regional Administrator, NRC Region IV  
J. N. Donohew, NRC Project Manager, San Onofre Units 2 and 3  
C. C. Osterholtz, NRC Senior Resident Inspector, San Onofre Units 2 and 3

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November 26, 2001

Mr. John Robertus  
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**SUBJECT:** NPDES Discharge Monitoring Report  
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 3

Dear Mr. Robertus:

The NPDES Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) for San Onofre Unit 3 covering the month of October is submitted in accordance with the requirements of Order No. 99-48 (NPDES Permit No. CA0108181). A summary of the generating unit's status and significant analytical results is provided below.

The unit was operational all month. All sampled water sources were found to be within permit limits with one exception. A sample obtained on the Unit 3 oily waste flocculator indicated 20.6 mg/l. This was above the instantaneous limit of 20 mg/l. Subsequent analysis of the flocculator noted a return to limits. The high oil and grease result was likely due to the flocculator being in service for an extended period of time. In this case, the flocculator was in service for over 45 days to support the unplanned outage on Unit 2. To prevent reoccurrence in the future, a boom has been placed in the effluent section of the flocculator, which will prevent a discharge of oil and grease above the effluent limit.

Pursuant to Order No. 99-48, Reporting Requirement 10, the following representative has prepared and is authorized to sign the reports required by this order: Robert K. Heckler, Environmental Engineer.

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Sincerely,



H. W. Newton  
Manager, Site Support Services

Enclosure

cc: Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX