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SUBJECT: SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3 -
REGARDING REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION CHANGE TO
CREATE AND IMPLEMENT THE FUEL STORAGE PROGRAM
(TAC NOS. MB4244 AND MB4245)

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The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has established as its performance goal, to complete 95 percent of licensing actions within one year and 100 percent by two years. The NRC faces significant challenges to balance its work load, available resources, and budget constraints and achieve its performance goals. It is important that licensees plan their submittals to enable the NRC to perform its review in an efficient manner consistent with its performance goals and licensees' schedules.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please write or call me at (301) 415-1471.

Sincerely,

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