

NO SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS CONSIDERATION DETERMINATION
AND NOTICING ACTION

Docket No. 50-361 Facility: SAN ONOFRE UNIT 2

Licensee: SO. CAL. EDISON Date of application 1-6-83

Request for: AMENDMENT TO OPERATING LICENSE WAIVING TECH.
SPECS. 3.4.1.2, 3.4.1.3, AND 3.7.1.3 TO ALLOW THE NATURAL
CIRCULATION TESTS TO BE CONDUCTED.

Initial Determination:

- () Proposed determination - amendment request involves no significant hazards considerations (NSHC).
- () Final determination - conclusion cannot be made that the amendment request involves NSHC.

Basis for Determination

- () Licensee's NSHC discussion has been reviewed and is accepted.
- () Other (state). SEE ATTACHMENT.

(attach additional pages as needed)

Initial Noticing Action: (Attach appropriate notice or input for monthly FRN)

- 1. () Monthly FRN. Notice of opportunity for hearing (30 days) and request for comments on proposed NSHC determination -- monthly FRN input is attached (Attachment 8).
- 2. () Individual FRN. Same notice matter as above. Time does not allow waiting for next monthly FRN (Attachments 9a and 9b).

- 3. () No initial FRN. Valid exigent circumstances exist (evaluated below). Local media notice requesting public comments on proposed NSHC determination is attached (Attachment 10).
- 4. () No initial FRN or local media notice. A valid emergency situation exists (evaluated below) and there is no time for public notice on proposed NSHC determination. (No attachment)
- 5. () Individual FRN. Licensee's claim of exigent or emergency circumstances is invalid (evaluated below). Notice of opportunity for hearing (30 days) and request for comments on proposed NSHC determination is attached (Attachments 9a and 9b). Letter of explanation to licensee is also attached.
- 6. () Individual FRN. Conclusion cannot be made that the amendment request involves NSHC. Notice of opportunity for prior hearing is attached (Attachment 5). Letter to licensee also attached.

Evaluation of exigent or emergency circumstances (if applicable): _____

(attach additional pages as needed)

<u>Approvals:</u>	<u>Date</u>
1. <u>H. Rood</u> (Project Manager)	<u>5-19-83</u>
2. <u>[Signature]</u> (Branch Chief)	<u>5-27-83</u>
3. <u>[Signature]</u> (OELD)	<u>5-27-83</u>

Additional approvals (for noticing action types 4, 5 and 6):

4. _____
(Assistant Director)

5. _____
(Director, Division of Licensing)

ATTACHMENT

The staff has made the preliminary determination that this action is NSHC on the basis of its review of the FSAR as amended, and the licensee's submittals of April 15, 1982 and January 6, 1983. In these submittals the licensee described the natural circulation tests which will be conducted by turning off all four reactor coolant pumps. This is not normally permitted by the facility Technical Specifications, but is necessary for the conduct of these tests. In their submittals the licensee evaluated the tests to investigate the probability and consequences of the accidents described in Section 15 of the FSAR, as well as the possibility of accidents of a new or different kind, and also evaluated the safety margins during the tests. In some instances, specific operator actions are necessary, during the conduct of the tests, to keep the potential accident probability or consequences or safety margins within the limits previously evaluated in Section 15 of the FSAR and approved in the staff's Safety Evaluation Report and its supplements (NUREG-0712). The licensee has included all such actions in the detailed test procedures that the plant operators will be required to follow during the tests. These operator actions are described in Section 3.0, Operational and Test Termination Criteria, of CEN-201 (3), "Natural Circulation Test Program," Supplement No. 1, submitted by the licensee on January 6, 1983.

The staff concluded that relaxation of the requirements of Technical Specifications 3.4.1.2, 3.4.1.3, and 3.7.1.3 is not a significant hazards consideration because it will be accompanied by compensatory actions that maintain a commensurate level of safety to that provided by the Technical Specifications.