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SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT FOR SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION,
UNIT NO. 2 (TAC NO. M81306) AND UNIT NO. 3 (TAC NO. M81307)

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A copy of our related Safety Evaluation is also enclosed. The notice of issuance will be included in the Commission's next regular biweekly Federal Register notice.

Sincerely,
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SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNIT NO. 2

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 100
License No. NPF-10

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment by Southern California Edison Company, et al. (SCE or the licensee), dated August 16, 1991, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations;
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

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2. Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and paragraph 2.C(2) of Facility Operating License No. NPF-10 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A and the Environmental Protection Plan contained in Appendix B, as revised through Amendment No. 100, are hereby incorporated in the license. Southern California Edison Company shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan.

3. This license amendment is effective as of the date of its issuance and must be fully implemented no later than 30 days from the date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



Theodore R. Quay, Director
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Attachment:
Changes to the Technical
Specifications

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ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT NO. 100 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-10

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INCORE DETECTORS

LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

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- a. At least 75% of all incore detector locations, and
- b. A minimum of two quadrant symmetric incore detector locations per core quadrant.

An OPERABLE incore detector location shall consist of a fuel assembly containing a fixed detector string with a minimum of four OPERABLE rhodium detectors.

APPLICABILITY: When the incore detection system is used for monitoring:

- a. AZIMUTHAL POWER TILT,
- b. Radial Peaking Factors,
- c. Local Power Density,
- d. DNB Margin.

ACTION:

With the incore detection system inoperable, do not use the system for the above applicable monitoring or calibration functions. The provisions of Specifications 3.0.3 and 3.0.4 are not applicable.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

4.3.3.2 The incore detection system shall be demonstrated OPERABLE:

- a. By performance of a CHANNEL CHECK within 24 hours prior to its use if 7 or more days have elapsed since the previous check and at least once per 7 days thereafter when required for monitoring the AZIMUTHAL POWER TILT, radial peaking factors, local power density or DNB margin:
- b. At least once per 18 months by performance of a CHANNEL CALIBRATION operation which exempts the neutron detectors but includes all electronic components. The neutron detectors shall be calibrated prior to installation in the reactor core.

TABLE 3.8-1

CONTAINMENT PENETRATION CONDUCTOR OVERCURRENT PROTECTIVE DEVICES

Primary Device Number	Backup Device Number	Service Description
2BA04 (2BA04-B)	2BLP0802	CEDM Cooling Supply Fan E-403B (Enclosure Heater)
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2BA33	2BLP0915	Cont. Cooling Unit E-397 Circ. Water Inlet HV-9940DC
2BA36	2BLP0808	RCP 1A Oil Lift Pump 1A1 P-260
2BA37	2BLP0809	RCP 1B Oil Lift Pump 1B1 P-264
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SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNIT NO. 3

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 89
License No. NPF-15

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment by Southern California Edison Company, et al. (SCE or the licensee), dated August 16, 1991, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
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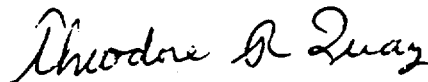
2. Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and paragraph 2.C(2) of Facility Operating License No. NPF-15 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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3. This license amendment is effective as of the date of its issuance and must be fully implemented no later than 30 days from the date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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AMENDMENT NO. 89



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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO.100TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-10
AND AMENDMENT NO.89 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-15
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated August 16, 1991, Southern California Edison Company, et al. (SCE or the licensee) submitted a request for changes to the Technical Specifications (TS) for San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 2 and 3. The proposed changes would delete references to the moveable in-core detector system (MICDS) from TS 3.3.3.2, "In-Core Detectors," and TS 3/4.8.4, "Electrical Equipment Protection Devices" (Table 3.8-1, "Containment Penetration Conductor Overcurrent Protective Devices"). These changes will not revise the associated Bases. The licensee proposes to rely solely on the fixed in-core detector system (FICDS), dispensing with an alternate moveable in-core detector system for mapping neutron flux in the reactor core. These changes to the TS will essentially preclude the use of the MICDS at San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 2 and 3.

2.0 EVALUATION

Currently, the San Onofre Units 2 and 3 TS require an operable in-core detection system with at least 75% of all in-core detector locations and a minimum of two quadrant symmetric in-core detector locations per core quadrant. An operable in-core detector location consists of a fuel assembly containing a fixed detector string with a minimum of four operable rhodium detectors or an operable moveable in-core detector capable of mapping the location. The in-core detection system is used for monitoring azimuthal power tilt, radial peaking factors, local power density, and departure from nucleate boiling margin. With the in-core detection system inoperable, the TS will not allow use of the system for these monitoring or calibration functions.

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The MICDS consists of two drive machines, two rotary transfer assemblies, two drive cables with detectors, and interconnecting guide tubes. Each drive machine has the capability of accessing half (28) of the in-core instrumentation calibration tubes; the moveable flux detectors were designed to be inserted into any of the 56 calibration tubes. The MICDS was designed to accept reactor coolant system leakage from the in-core monitoring system. Additionally, containment cable penetration overcurrent protection was provided.

The licensee has decided to remove the MICDS and rely on the FICDS exclusively. The licensee lists several advantages in removing the MICDS. First, the licensee intends to remove all MICDS equipment and install pressure caps and room temperature vulcanizing plugs on the in-core instrumentation calibration tubes, eliminating 56 possible reactor coolant systems leakage paths and enhancing reactor pressure vessel integrity. Second, MICDS removal will reduce radiological exposures and critical path time involved in maintenance activities around the reactor pressure vessel head during routine refueling outages. Third, MICDS removal will provide for a safer work environment by reducing the number of components in the reactor pressure vessel head lift area. Fourth, all MICDS power sources will be disconnected, precluding any overcurrent events.

The licensee states that the TS does not require MICDS to be operable if the FICDS is operable for monitoring purposes. Operators at San Onofre Units 2 and 3 have not relied on the MICDS, but have used the FICDS only. In fact, the licensee has already precluded the use of the MICDS by disconnecting the guide tubes (and plans to remove the equipment during upcoming outages). The changes to the TS will ensure that the TS match the as-built plant configuration.

The staff agrees with the licensee that the MICDS should be removed from the TS to reflect current operating practice and plant design. The staff agrees that the removal of the MICDS will not affect the ability of the in-core detection system to perform its monitoring functions, though it will preclude the use of the MICDS and require exclusive reliance on the FICDS. The staff notes that the capping of 56 additional reactor coolant system leakage paths is a net safety benefit. Therefore, based upon the information provided in the licensee's August 16, 1991, submittal, the staff finds the proposed changes to the Technical Specifications for San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 2 and 3, to be acceptable.

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, the California State official was notified of the proposed issuance of the amendment. The State official had no comments.

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

The amendments change a requirement with respect to the installation or use of a facility component located within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. The NRC staff has determined that the amendments involve no significant increase in the amounts, and no significant change in the types, of any effluents that may be released offsite, and that there is no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. The Commission has previously issued a proposed finding that the amendments involve no significant hazards consideration, and there has been no public comment on such finding (56 FR 43813). Accordingly, the amendments meet the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b) no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of the amendments.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission has concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that (1) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and (3) the issuance of the amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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Date: October 9, 1991