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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ATTN: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555-0001

**Subject: Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362
Withdrawal of Relief Requests to Support Alternative Repair
Methods for Reactor Vessel Head Penetrations
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 2 and 3**

Reference: Letter from A. E. Scherer (SCE) to the Document Control Desk (NRC) dated May 24, 2002; Subject: Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362, Relief Requests to Support Alternative Repair Methods for Reactor Vessel Head Penetrations

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to withdraw relief requests RR RVHP-1 Temperbead Technique, and RR RVHP-2 Embedded Flaw Repair Technique, that were submitted to the NRC in the referenced May 24, 2002 letter.

During the San Onofre Nuclear Generation Station (SONGS) Units 2 and 3 Cycle 12 refueling outages, Southern California Edison (SCE) conducted inspections of the reactor vessel head penetrations (RVHP) in accordance with commitments made in response to NRC Bulletins 2001-01 and 2002-02 to identify primary water stress corrosion cracking (PWSCC) of reactor pressure vessel head penetration nozzles. SCE successfully completed a comprehensive examination of both the Unit 2 and the Unit 3 reactor vessel heads, using bare metal visual, ultrasonic testing, and eddy current testing inspection techniques during the Cycle 12 refueling outages. No PWSCC was identified in either reactor pressure vessel head.

By the referenced letter dated May 24, 2002, SCE submitted relief requests RR RVHP-1 and RR RVHP -2 to permit ambient temperbead and embedded flaw repair methods as alternatives in the event cracking in penetration nozzles was identified

during the Cycle 12 refueling outage inspections. As stated above, no PWSCC was identified in either reactor pressure vessel head. Therefore, SCE is withdrawing the relief requests submitted on May 24, 2002.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jack Rainsberry at (949) 368 7420.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Rainsberry", written in a cursive style.

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