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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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**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

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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 "C. C. Osterholtz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

cc: E. W. Merschoff, Regional Administrator, NRC Region IV  
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