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SUBJECT: SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION (SONGS), UNITS 2 AND 3
- RE: REQUEST FOR RELIEF FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS (ASME) BOILER AND
PRESSURE VESSEL CODE (CODE) CONCERNING USE OF TEMPERBEAD
AND EMBEDDED FLAW REPAIR TECHNIQUES (TAC NOS. MB5186 AND
MB5187)

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This letter is to inform you that, as of March 25, 2003, the NRC staff has stopped all work related to TAC nos. MB5186 and MB5187. Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact me at 301-415-8450.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362

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