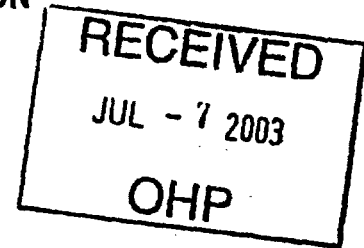




UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

July 2, 2003



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Dr. Knox Mellon
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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CONCURRENCE ON THE DETERMINATION OF EFFECTS
ON HISTORIC PROPERTIES FOR THE PROPOSED DIABLO CANYON
INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL STORAGE INSTALLATION**

Dear Dr. Mellon:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is currently reviewing a license application submitted by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) on December 21, 2001, to construct and operate an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) on the site of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant in San Luis Obispo County, California. An applicant for a license of this type must submit an environmental report as part of its application, as required under 10 CFR Part 51 of the NRC's regulations. The NRC staff reviews this information in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, as specified in 10 CFR 51.10.

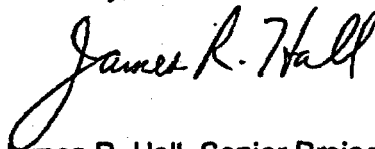
In conjunction with its environmental review of PG&E's application, the NRC staff has also considered the potential impact of the proposed action on historic properties, in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. On April 24 and June 19, 2003, the NRC staff discussed its assessment of the information regarding historic properties provided in PG&E's application with Mr. Hans Kreutzberg of your staff. After reviewing the potential impacts of the proposed action, we have determined that there are historical properties present in the vicinity of the proposed facility; however, we have concluded that the proposed action will not adversely affect these historic properties. The supporting basis for this conclusion is enclosed. We request your concurrence with this determination that the proposed action will not adversely affect any historical properties. We also request your written reply within 30 days of receipt of this letter, so that we may reference your response in our environmental assessment.

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If you or your staff have any questions on this matter, please contact me at (301) 415-1336.

Sincerely,



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Docket No.: 72-26 (50-275, 50-323)

Enclosure: As stated

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CONCUR:



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