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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF INVESTIGATION (OI 4-2003-004)

Dear Mr. Ray:

This letter is in reference to an investigation conducted by the NRC Office of Investigations (OI) regarding activities at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. OI initiated the investigation to determine whether a former Bechtel welder was subjected to employment discrimination for reporting safety concerns.

Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, testimony, and document reviews, the allegation was not substantiated. The NRC plans no further action regarding this investigation and considers this case closed.

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Sincerely,

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Arthur T. Howell III, Director  
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