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Enclosure: Annual Report No. 37 (3 copies)

Enclosed are three signed copies of Annual Report No. 37 for the deactivated ESADA-Vallecitos Experimental Superheat Reactor (EVESR) located at Vallecitos Nuclear Center near Sunol, California.

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**ESADA-VALLECITOS EXPERIMENTAL  
SUPERHEAT REACTOR  
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#### **1.0 SUMMARY**

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Radiation levels remain essentially unchanged.

#### **2.0 STATUS OF FACILITY**

The facility continues to be in deactivated status. The plugs to the reactor vessel and head storage shield, the wooden cover over the fuel storage pool, and the locked covers for the personnel and equipment hatchways remain in-place except during maintenance or inspection activities.

#### **3.0 RADIATION AND CONTAMINATION**

Complete radiation and contamination surveys of the facility indicate that levels remain low. Results of the surveys are presented in Table 1. The radiation/contamination levels listed are representative but not necessarily maximum values.

#### **4.0 ACTIVITIES**

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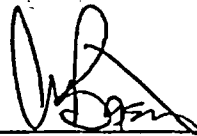
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