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September 8, 2006
EN-06-038

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Southern California Edison Company (EA-06-149)
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Unit 1 (NMED 060138)
Docket No. 050000206

Subject: ISSUANCE OF A NOTICE OF VIOLATION

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation will be issued on or about September 13, 2006, to Southern California Edison Company. This action is based on a Severity Level III problem involving a transportation event in which a shipment of low specific activity liquid radioactive waste from San Onofre Unit 1 leaked from its transport container in Utah. The actual safety consequences of this event were low because the release was limited to a small quantity of low specific activity material which was discovered and removed shortly after the release occurred. Consequently, there was no significant risk of exposure to any member of the public. The significance of the violations lies in the fact that the licensee did not take the required actions to ensure there would be no leakage of the radioactive contents from the tanker. The violations involved failures to (1) ensure by examination or appropriate tests that the top discharge valve of the tanker was properly closed and sealed; (2) load the tanker to the required fill density; and (3) maintain, fill, and close the tanker so that, under conditions normally incident to transportation, there would be no identifiable release of materials to the environment.

It should be noted that Enforcement Notifications are not normally generated for Notices of Violation without a proposed civil penalty. However, the staff wanted to ensure that the Commission is informed of our proposed actions prior to issuance because of the public interest in this case and because of the Chairman's May 10, 2006, letter to the Honorable Christine Kehoe, California Senate.

It should also be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Notice of Violation	September 13, 2006
Telephone Notification of Licensee	September 13, 2006

The States of California and Utah will be notified.

The licensee is not required to respond to the letter and Notice of Violation unless the description therein does not accurately reflect the licensee's corrective actions or position.

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