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MEMORANDUM TO: Andrea Kock, Chief
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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST - REVIEW OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON REQUEST TO RELEASE THE OFF-SHORE PIPING OF SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATION STATION UNIT 1 (TAC J60569)

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Over the past year and a half, PAB staff supported DURLD by working with the licensee to specify what information is necessary for NRC to make a licensing decision on partial site release of an impacted area. We request that PAB provide further support by reviewing the SCE submittal dated December 19, 2007, and providing a conclusion by February 25, 2008, on whether or not SCE has demonstrated compliance with the release criteria specified in 10 CFR 20.1402.

Mr. James Shepherd of my staff is the Project Manager for this licensing action, and he can be reached at (301) 415-6712. Please direct any questions to him. Also, please provide me with the name(s) of the technical reviewer(s) who will be conducting this review. The TAC number above should be for recording staff time expended on this effort.

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