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February 15, 2008

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Dear Mr. Cordaro:

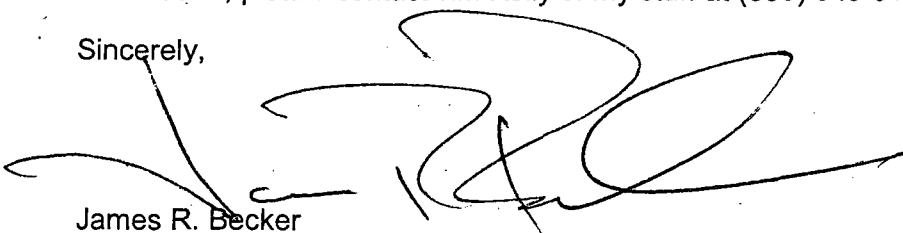
Enclosed is a National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Marine Mammal and Marine Turtle Stranding Report for a dead California sea lion (*Zalophus californianus*) discovered in the Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) intake structure. The sea lion was discovered on January 23, 2008 floating in the Unit-2 traveling screen 2-2 forebay by an Intake Systems Operator.

As authorized in a letter dated June 3, 1994 from NMFS, DCPP removed the dead sea lion from the intake structure and towed it out to sea. The sea lion was estimated to be about 3 feet in length. The animal was partially decomposed. There were no obvious indications of the cause of death. This animal appears to have died at sea and drifted into the power plant intake structure. It is highly unlikely that the Diablo Canyon intake structure was a factor in the sea lion's death.

Verbal notification of this incident was reported to NMFS on January 24, 2008 as soon as Environmental Operations personnel confirmed the sea lion was in the intake forebay.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the enclosed report, or require additional information, please contact Jim Kelly of my staff at (805) 545-3194.

Sincerely,



James R. Becker
Vice President – Diablo Canyon Operations and Station Director

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MARINE MAMMAL AND MARINE TURTLE STRANDING REPORT

SID# _____
(NMFS USE)

FIELD NO.: _____ NMFS REGISTRATION NO. _____

COMMON NAME: California Sea Lion GENUS: Zalophus SPECIES: californianus

EXAMINER

Name: James L. Kelly Agency: Pacific Gas & Electric Co Phone: 805-545-3194Address: PO Box 56; Avila Beach CA 93424

LOCATION State: <u>CA</u> County <u>San Luis Obispo</u> City: <u>Avila Beach</u> Locality Details: _____ <u>9 miles NW of Avila Beach-</u> <u>Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP)</u>	TYPE OF OCCURRENCE Mass Stranding: (Yes) / <input checked="" type="radio"/> (No) # Animals <u>1</u> Human Interaction: (Yes) / (No) / (?) Check one: <u>1</u> . Boat collision <u>2</u> . Shot <u>4</u> . Fishery interaction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>5</u> . Other <u>Found dead in Power Plant intake</u> How determined: _____ Other Causes (if known): <u>Unknown cause of death.</u> *Latitude: _____ N Sea Lion was dead before entering intake *Longitude: _____ W
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DATE OF INITIAL OBSERVATION: Yr <u>2008</u> Mo <u>Jan</u> Day <u>23</u> CONDITION: Check one: <u>1</u> . Alive <u>2</u> . Fresh dead <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>3</u> . Moderate decomp. <u>4</u> . Advanced decomp. <u>5</u> . Mummified <u>? Unknown</u>	DATE OF EXAMINATION: Yr <u>2008</u> Mo <u>Jan</u> Day <u>23</u> CONDITION: Check one: <u>1</u> . Alive <u>2</u> . Fresh dead <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>3</u> . Moderate decomp. <u>4</u> . Advanced decomp. <u>5</u> . Mummified <u>? Unknown</u>
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LIVE ANIMAL - Condition and Disposition: Check one <u>1</u> . Released at site or more: <u>2</u> . Sick <u>3</u> . Injured <u>4</u> . Died <u>5</u> . Euthanized <u>6</u> . Rehabilitated and released <u>? Unknown</u> Transported to: _____ (Died) / (Released) Date: _____	TAGS APPLIED?: (Yes) / <input checked="" type="radio"/> (No) TAGS PRESENT?: (Yes) / <input checked="" type="radio"/> (No) <table><tr><td></td><td>Dorsal</td><td>Left</td><td>Right</td></tr><tr><td>Tag No.(s):</td><td>_____</td><td>_____</td><td>_____</td></tr><tr><td>Color(s):</td><td>_____</td><td>_____</td><td>_____</td></tr><tr><td>Type:</td><td>_____</td><td>_____</td><td>_____</td></tr><tr><td>Placement</td><td>_____</td><td>Front/Rear</td><td>Front/Rear</td></tr></table>		Dorsal	Left	Right	Tag No.(s):	_____	_____	_____	Color(s):	_____	_____	_____	Type:	_____	_____	_____	Placement	_____	Front/Rear	Front/Rear
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CARCASS - Disposition, check one: Check one: <u>1</u> . Left at site <u>2</u> . Buried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>3</u> . Towed <u>4</u> . Sci. collection (see below) <u>5</u> . Edu. collection (see below) <u>6</u> . Other _____ <u>? Unknown</u> NECROPSIED? (Yes) / <input checked="" type="radio"/> (No)	MORPHOLOGICAL DATA: Sex - Check one: <u>1</u> . Male <u>2</u> . Female <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>? Unknown</u> Straight Length: <u>36</u> (cm) / <input checked="" type="radio"/> (in) / (est) *Weight: <u>60</u> (kg) / <input checked="" type="radio"/> (lb) / (est) PHOTOS TAKEN? (Yes) / <input checked="" type="radio"/> (No)
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REMARKS: NoneDISPOSITION OF TISSUE/SKELETAL MATERIAL: Allowed to decompose in natural environment



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