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November 30, 2009

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SUBJECT: SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3 - NRC
SECURITY INSPECTION REPORT 05000361/2009402 AND 05000362/2009402

Dear Mr. Ridenoure:

On October 2, 2009, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a security baseline inspection at your San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 2 and 3. The inspection covered one or more of the key attributes of the security cornerstone of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process. The enclosed inspection report documents the inspection results, which were discussed on October 2, 2009, with Mr. M. Goettel, Director, Site Support Services, and other members of your staff. On November 2, 2009, the NRC conducted a telephonic re-exit with Mr. A. Hochevar, Station Manager, and other members of your staff to discuss the final characterization of an inspection finding.

The inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to security and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. The inspectors reviewed selected procedures and records, observed activities, and interviewed personnel.

This report documents two NRC identified findings of very low security significance (i.e., Green as determined by the Physical Protection Significance Determination Process). The deficiencies were promptly corrected or compensated for, and the plant was in compliance with applicable physical protection and security requirements within the scope of this inspection before inspectors left the site.

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The findings have crosscutting aspects in the area of Problem Identification and Resolution associated with Corrective Action Programs because your staff's threshold for identifying issues failed to capture the key program element deficiencies(P1.a), and the area of Human Performance, Work Practices, because a security officer proceeded in the face of uncertainty or unexpected circumstances (H4.a). If you disagree with the characterization of any finding in this report, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your disagreement, to the Regional Administrator, Region IV, and the NRC Resident Inspector at San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. The information you provide will be considered in accordance with Inspection Manual Chapter 0305.

However, because of the very low security significance and because these violations are entered into your corrective action program, the NRC is treating these violations as noncited violations consistent with Section VI.A.1 of the NRC Enforcement Policy. If you contest these noncited violations, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN.: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001; with copies to the Regional Administrator, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region IV, 612 E. Lamar Blvd, Suite 400, Arlington, Texas, 76011-4125; the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001; and the NRC Resident Inspector at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1)(ii), the NRC is waiving the affidavit requirements for your response, if any. This practice will ensure that your response will not be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's document system, ADAMS. If Safeguards Information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, please provide the level of protection described in 10 CFR 73.21. Otherwise, mark your entire response "Security-Related Information-Withhold Under 10 CFR 2.390" and follow the instructions for withholding in 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1)

Sincerely,



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NRC Inspection Report 05000361/2009402

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Supplemental Information

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