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Subject: Draft Request for Additional information - Relief Requests ISI-3-32 through ISI-3-34 for San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (TAC NOS. ME5329 AND ME5330), Units 2 and 3
Attachments: RAI attachment.doc

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Linda:

By letter dated January 21, 2011 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML110100732), Southern California Edison Company (SCE, the licensee), submitted a proposed alternative to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (ASME Code), Section XI inservice inspection (ISI) requirements regarding examination of certain reactor pressure vessel welds for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), Units 2 and 3. There are 3 separate but related requests for relief in the licensee's application; ISI-3-32, ISI-3-33, and ISI-3-34. All three request NRC approval to extend the ISI examination interval from 10 to 20 years for the inspection of specific reactor pressure vessel (RPV) welds, in accordance with the WCAP-16168-NP, Revision 2 report, "Risk-Informed Extension of Reactor Vessel In-Service Inspection Interval," October 2007 (ADAMS Accession No. ML072920413). ISI-3-32 and ISI-3-33 address the volumetric examination of certain RPV welds, for Units 2 and 3, respectively. ISI-3-34 addresses the visual examination of certain in-vessel welds for both units.

The NRC staff has reviewed the information provided by SCE and has determined that the additional information requested in the attachment to this e-mail message is needed to complete its review of the relief requests. In order to complete our review of the relief requests in a timely manner, please submit your response to the attached request for additional information (RAI) by June 10, 2011. Please contact me if SCE would like to have a conference call to discuss this request for additional information.

Sincerely,

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