

EDO Principal Correspondence Control

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FINAL REPLY:

Senator Barbara Boxer

TO:

Chairman Jaczko

FOR SIGNATURE OF : \*\* PRI \*\* CRC NO: 12-0215

Chairman Jaczko

DESC:

ROUTING:

Request for Documents Related to the Safety of  
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station  
(EDATS: SECY-2012-0243)

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Weber  
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Ash  
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Leeds, NRR  
Collins, RIV  
Schmidt, OCA  
Zobler, OGC

DATE: 05/17/12

ASSIGNED TO: CONTACT:  
EDO Rihm

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

Please prepare rseponse in accordance with OEDO  
Notice 2009-0441-02 (ML093290179). NRR and Region  
IV to provide input to OEDO (Roger Rihm), if  
required. Roger Rihm will coordinate response with  
OGC and OCA.

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# EDATS

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## General Information

**Assigned To:** OEDO

**OEDO Due Date:** 5/17/2012 11:00 PM

**Other Assignees:**

**SECY Due Date:** 5/17/2012 11:00 PM

**Subject:** Request for Documents Related to the Safety of San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station

**Description:**

**CC Routing:** NRR; RegionIV; OCA; OGC

**ADAMS Accession Numbers - Incoming:** NONE

**Response/Package:** NONE

## Other Information

**Cross Reference Number:** G20120332, LTR-12-0215

**Staff Initiated:** NO

**Related Task:**

**Recurring Item:** NO

**File Routing:** EDATS

**Agency Lesson Learned:** NO

**OEDO Monthly Report Item:** NO

## Process Information

**Action Type:** Letter

**Priority:** Medium

**Signature Level:** Chairman Jaczko

**Sensitivity:** None

**Urgency:** NO

**Approval Level:** No Approval Required

**OEDO Concurrence:** YES

**OCM Concurrence:** NO

**OCA Concurrence:** NO

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## Document Information

**Originator Name:** Senator Barbara Boxer

**Date of Incoming:** 5/15/2012

**Originating Organization:** Congress

**Document Received by SECY Date:** 5/17/2012

**Addressee:** Chairman Jaczko

**Date Response Requested by Originator:** 5/21/2012

**Incoming Task Received:** Letter



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May 15, 2012

The Honorable Gregory Jaczko  
Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Chairman Jaczko:

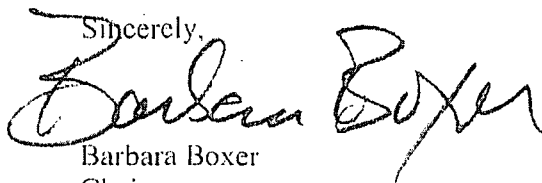
On February 8, 2012, I wrote to ask the Nuclear Regulation Commission (NRC) to review the safety of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station after problems were discovered with the facility's redesigned steam generators. You committed to conducting a thorough review before deciding whether to approve the restart of the reactors.

Since my letter to you, the media and others have raised concerns that design changes in the San Onofre replacement steam generators contributed to accelerated wear in tubes carrying radioactive water. Recent media reports quote a Southern California Edison (SCE) executive as saying, "We are thinking that this is probably a design defect."

Among other requirements, NRC rules state that a nuclear power plant operator must obtain a license amendment for any change that would result in more than a "minimal increase in the likelihood" of a malfunction of a structure, system, or component important to safety. SCE determined that such an amendment was not necessary for its redesigned steam generators.

Please provide me with a written summary that describes NRC's plans for establishing whether SCE's replacement of the steam generators required a license amendment, as well as any documents related to NRC's review of the design change. In addition, provide me with all documents in the NRC's possession or control related to SCE's determination that a license amendment was not necessary. Please deliver these documents to my Committee office by May 21, 2012. I also have requested from SCE all documents related to their determination. Contact Terrance Horner or Grant Cope (202/224-8832) with any questions.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer  
Chairman