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MEMORANDUM TO: San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Oversight Panel Members

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SUBJECT: SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION OVERSIGHT  
PANEL CHARTER

The enclosed panel charter establishes the purpose, objectives, and composition of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) Oversight Panel. This panel has been established to ensure that the agency's actions to address the root cause and corrective actions, with respect to the unexpected steam generator tube degradation at SONGS, are clearly communicated and documented and provide a recommendation for either approval or denial of restart. This charter also defines the expected outcomes of the oversight process and the panel quorum requirements. Questions involving the charter should be directed to me at 817-200-1464 or [ath@nrc.gov](mailto:ath@nrc.gov).

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## SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION OVERSIGHT PANEL CHARTER

### Purpose

1. Ensure the NRC communicates a unified and consistent position in a clear and predictable manner to the licensee, public, and other stakeholders.
2. Establish a record of the major regulatory and licensee actions taken and technical issues reviewed, including adequacy of licensee corrective actions.
3. Provide a recommendation regarding restart of SONGS Unit 2.

### Objectives

The Panel's duties and planned accomplishments include the following:

1. Develop and implement the Panel Process Plan.
2. Maintain the comprehensive Communication Plan to ensure effective communication with internal and external stakeholders. Provide oversight and direction to the Communications Team.
3. Maintain cognizance over the status of the Confirmatory Action Letter (CAL) items and recommend to Regional Administrator, in consultation with cognizant program office management, any necessary modifications. Recommend development of other regulatory actions as appropriate.
4. Assess the physical readiness of the plant for restart.
5. Periodically provide NRC management and the Commission, if requested, briefings and updates on the status of the licensee's progress in resolving the agency's questions with respect to the CAL response for Unit 2.
6. Conduct periodic public meetings with the licensee to discuss: (1) status of NRC's assessment of the licensee's response to the CAL for Unit 2; and (2) basis for recommendation regarding restart of Unit 2; upon satisfactory inspection (including assessment of licensee's CAL response and completion of Technical Evaluation Report), provide a written recommendation and the basis for the approval/denial of restart permission for Unit 2 to the Regional Administrator and the Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR).
7. Make recommendations regarding conduct of an independent root cause and agency lessons learned review.

### Panel Membership and Quorum Requirements

- Co-Chairman: Art Howell, Team Manager, SONGS Special Project, Region IV
- Co-Chairman: Dan Dorman, Deputy Director, Engineering and Corporate Support, NRR

- Jim Andersen, Deputy Team Manager, SONGS Special Project, Region IV
- Ed Roach, Chief, Mechanical Vendor Inspection Branch, NRO
- Ryan Lantz, Chief, SONGS Project Branch, Region IV
- Greg Werner, Inspection & Assessment Lead, SONGS Project Branch, Region IV
- Nick Taylor, Senior Project Engineer, SONGS Project Branch, Region IV
- Greg Warnick, Senior Resident Inspector, San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station
- Doug Broaddus, Chief, SONGS Special Project Branch, NRR
- Randy Hall, Project Manager, SONGS Special Project Branch, NRR
- Ken Karwoski, Senior Level Advisor, Division of Engineering, NRR
- Michele Evans, Director, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing  
(alternate is Pat Hiland, Director, Division of Engineering)

A quorum for the Oversight Panel is established with five members present comprised of at least one of the Co-Chairmen, two Headquarters members, and two Region IV members. The Panel may add non-voting members as necessary to advise the panel on matters involving facility performance and resolution of technical concerns.

The Chief, SONGS Project Branch, Region IV is responsible for documenting and distributing the Panel meeting minutes.