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Dear Readers,

San Onofre (SanO) remains shut down as the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) awaits Southern California Edison's (SCE's) response to 32 areas of concern, which were sent to SCE's Chief Nuclear Officer (CNO) Pete Dietrich by the NRC on December 26, 2012.

Meanwhile, the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC's) "Order Instituting Investigation" (OII) is getting under way. Some useful URLs regarding the OII appear below.

Sincerely,

Ace Hoffman
Carlsbad, CA

Topics:

- (1) NUCLEAR POWER DEBATE TONIGHT!
- (2) Will San Onofre be restarted soon? Quite possibly...
- (3) CPUC OII URLs
- (4) This movement is a positive one...

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 (1) NUCLEAR POWER DEBATE TONIGHT!
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Sunday, January 20th, 2013
 Harvey Wasserman vs. Dr. Ben Wattenburg.
 11:15pm eastern/8:15 pacific.
 Streaming live at <http://www.trn1.com/wattenburg-audio>
 NO NUKES/4 SOLARTOPIA!!!

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 (2) Will San Onofre be restarted soon? Quite possibly...
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This is from a letter to Harvey Wasserman.....

The claim of a possible restart, as I recall, came from several sources. One I heard was that workers were being called in for that period of time, workers who would be most likely involved in a restart. Sorry, I'm working from memory and can't cite the source. Another story is that the NRC's meeting schedules and statements sound like they just need to get some documentation from SCE, look at it, and then viola! They approve the reactor and it starts running within 24 hours. I believe the LATimes said something about the NRC saying they are only one step away from allowing restart (not in so many words, perhaps).

And lastly and most importantly, somewhere along the line, SCE is directly credited with proposing a March 5th restart, or mid-March, or some time in March....

So, although I don't know which of these statements I could verify for you or give you any source, those are what I've been hearing. In my opinion, the ONLY thing preventing a restart is that the NRC isn't totally blind, and San Onofre's U-tubes really are busted. It would be nice to think it's as simple as that, but it isn't. We desperately need the governor to weigh in against the plant, nothing would be better for California and, I think, for other governors who also want to dump their nukes.

Another very real possibility is that Edison will sit on a shut SanO for the 3-5 years it will take to re-engineer and build new Steam Generators. They won't mind a bit, since the ratepayers will pay for it. We've got to dismantle the beast. Otherwise, it can and will be restarted. Edison would be willing to eat the whole costs if they could have their reactors back afterwards, they just don't expect to have to do that, but they would. A properly running reactor is very, very lucrative for its owners and guaranteed to be that way for two decades at a time. They can lose a few billion waiting for that cash cow to start giving again.

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(3) CPUC OII URLs:
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SCE has posted documents online here:
<http://www3.sce.com/sscc/law/dis/SongsOIIDocLibrary.nsf/viewByCategory.xsp>

San Diego Gas & Electric has posted "public" versions of documents here:
<http://www.sdge.com/regulatory-filing/4011/songs-investigation>

Here is the official CPUC web site for the OII proceeding -- it has rulings and decisions, party comments and motions (but no testimony or transcripts -- for testimony you have to be on the service list, and for transcripts you have to pay a fee or be a party eligible for compensation):
http://delaps1.cpuc.ca.gov/CPUCProceedingLookup/f?p=401:56:1260337137439001::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:I1210013

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(4) This movement is a positive one of enlightenment, enrichment, growth, and love of all things living...
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1/20/2013

Dear All,

This movement is FOR decommissioning San Onofre NOW. It is FOR a clean environment. It is FOR protecting our DNA from damage. It is FOR protecting ALL creature's DNA. It is PRO-LIFE (but that term's been taken).

It's not ANTI-anything, unless it's anti-death, anti-illness, anti-pain, anti-global poverty, anti-damage to our DNA.

This movement has achieved many positive things, especially since Fukushima, and since the steam generator tube leaked and the reactors were shut down: Increasing awareness in the community and among its local elected officials of the dangers of SanO, obtaining letters of concern from numerous cities, informing the NRC that we are far from comfortable with a

restart, informing the CPUC that their responsibility lies with the people, not with the corporations. Informing the media. Informing each other.

This movement is a positive one of enlightenment, enrichment, growth, and love.

Turn off the nukes, turn on the sun! Think positive, and (with all due respect...) do not become one of the "nattering nabobs of negativism." :~}

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