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**To:** CHAIRMAN Resource  
**Subject:** Fwd: San Onofre Restart

Dear Ms. Macfarlane,

I meant to cc you on the below email.

Sincerely,

Bill Brand  
Council Member  
Redondo Beach  
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Begin forwarded message:

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The Honorable Henry Waxman  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
United States House of Representatives  
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March 28, 2013

Dear Chairman Boxer and Ranking Member Waxman:

I'm very concerned about the restart of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS). My thanks to both of you for helping to ensure rigorous oversight of these nuclear reactors.

While I was encouraged by SCE's announcement that it may finally request a license amendment regarding its restart plan for SONGS Unit 2, they have neutered the normally exhaustive process by suggesting they will submit a 'No Significant Hazards Consideration' analysis, declaring that the license amendment does not involve any significant safety risks. Plus, a 'No Significant Hazards Consideration' (NSHC) would effectively deny the public a meaningful public hearing and critical independent expert review before the license amendment is issued. This is unacceptable. Public trust will not be restored by continued attempts to avoid a hearing process, and this type of effort to convince the public that minor technical license amendments are sufficient. These are the type of shortcuts that allowed the design flaws to be constructed.

Furthermore, the NRC has scheduled the meeting to discuss Edison's license amendment and probable NSHC request in Rockville, MD. The appropriate place for such a meeting is in Southern California, where it would be accessible to those citizens whose lives will be most impacted by the matters discussed. The agency has said that this is unfeasible. Unfeasible, I suspect, because they are rushing to restart SONGS by the summer.

Last summer, the California Independent System Operator issued 'Flex Alerts' with the press declaring 'heat storms' on several occasions. SONGS was down the entire time and never were there rolling brown outs. We should not risk a much worse mishap at SONGS to simply minimize the risk of temporary brown outs that did not occur during record high temperatures last summer.

I hope and trust you will continue to exercise your strong leadership and regulatory oversight by urging the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to require that SCE undergo the following before a decision is made:

- the rigors of a thorough license amendment
- deny any request from SCE or a NSHC and hold a public hearing on all the San Onofre safety issues
- insist the agency hold their April 3rd meeting about Edison's license amendment where the risks are, namely Southern California

As a City Council Member of Redondo Beach - 50 miles north of San Clemente, my constituents risk being seriously harmed in the event of a major nuclear accident at San Onofre. It is imperative to us that any decisions about restarting the crippled reactors are made with maximum deliberation and meaningful opportunity for input from the public that will be affected.

Regards,

Bill Brand  
Council Member  
Redondo Beach  
310-809-4405

Cc: Allison Macfarlane, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Chairman  
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