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To: Andersen, James
Cc: SCG-Team Team; CHAIRMAN Resource; Ace Hoffman; Harvey Wasserman; Kendra Ulrich; Donna Gilmore; Dan Hirsch
Subject: Query for James Andersen re SONGS: Oversight Panel Charter (Revision 1)
Attachments: SPB Panel Charter - Revision 1.pdf

Dear Mr. Andersen,

It's my understanding that a purpose of the San Onofre Oversight Panel which you co-chair is to ensure that NRC actions addressing the root cause and corrective actions with respect to unexpected steam generator tube degradation are clearly communicated and documented.

Has the NRC required the licensee to provide a comprehensive root cause analysis of all tube degradation in Unit 2?

Is the NRC confident that the root cause of the unprecedented and extensive tube degradation in Unit 2 is fully understood?

Has the NRC limited the scope of the root cause analysis to only what is considered to be "**unexpected**...tube degradation"?

Please define for me which tube degradation is not the subject of root cause analysis by virtue of falling outside your definition of "unexpected".

I look forward to your reply,

Sincerely,

Myla Reson

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From: NRC_Mail_R4 Resource <NRC_Mail_R4.Resource@nrc.gov>
Date: Wed, Apr 10, 2013 at 5:16 AM
Subject: SONGS: Oversight Panel Charter (Revision 1)
To: Myla Reson <myla.reson@gmail.com>

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April 9, 2013

MEMORANDUM TO: San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Oversight Panel Members

FROM: James Andersen, Acting Manager /RA/  
SONGS Special Project Team

SUBJECT: SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION OVERSIGHT  
PANEL CHARTER (REVISION 1)

The revised panel charter establishes the purpose, objectives, and composition of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) Oversight Panel. The panel was 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 to provide a recommendation for either approval or denial of restart. The panel charter was revised to reflect changes in panel membership and minor editorial improvements. Questions involving the charter should be directed to me at 301-415-3565 or [james.andersen@nrc.gov](mailto:james.andersen@nrc.gov).

Enclosure:  
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station  
Oversight Panel Charter (Revision 1)

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SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION  
OVERSIGHT PANEL CHARTER (REVISION 1)

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 the 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 completion of inspection and technical review (including assessment of licensee's CAL response and completion of Technical Evaluation Report), provide a written recommendation and the basis for the restart recommendation for Unit 2 to the Regional Administrator and the Director of the Office 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: James Andersen, Acting Team Manager, SONGS Special Project, Region IV
- Co-Chairman: Dan Dorman, Deputy Director, Engineering and Corporate Support, NRR

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- 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.