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General Comment

Both San Onofre nuclear reactors -- which sit in a coastal seismic zone between San Diego and Los Angeles -- have been shut down for well over a year following a radiation leak from the Unit 3 reactor due to a failure of a steam generator tube. But now, Southern California Edison, operator of the San Onofre reactors, wants to experimentally restart the severely damaged Unit 2 reactor at reduced power for five months, just to see what happens.

Edison's restart scheme has major holes in it: the root cause of the problems hasn't been found, Edison's own experts disagree on even the secondary cause of the issues, and disagree on the length of time left before another accident could occur -- which could be somewhere in the range of a few months to a little over a year.

In short, Edison is rushing to restart the reactor in time for summer, when they can maximize their profits, which -- unfortunately for the people of Southern California -- means putting safety at the bottom of the list.

I urge the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to stop the restart, by rejecting Edison's license amendment and allowing the public to get involved in the process.

Responsible regulatory action clearly warrants stopping the rushed, dangerous restart. Do not to let Edison restart the San Onofre reactors. Thank you.

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