

July 18, 2013

The Honorable Lesa Heebner
City of Solana Beach, Councilmember
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Dear Ms. Heebner:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of May 15, 2013, to Mr. Brian Benney, in which you expressed concerns regarding the proposed restart of San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), Unit 2. In addition, you referenced Southern California Edison's (SCE's) April 5, 2013, license amendment request and stated that it ignores multiple safety issues that should be addressed in a comprehensive license amendment process prior to any approval for restart of SONGS, Unit 2. Lastly, you referenced Senator Barbara Boxer and Congressman Edward Markey's April 9, 2013, letter stating that the NRC must complete its expansive investigation and safety review before making any preliminary or final decisions regarding a license amendment that could enable the restart of SONGS.

On June 7, 2013, Southern California Edison announced its closure of SONGS and, in a letter to the NRC dated June 12, 2013, certified permanent cessation of power operations. NRC inspection oversight for SONGS will continue until completion of decommissioning. Decommissioning is a process, outlined in NRC regulations and guidance, for safely removing a facility from service and reducing residual radioactivity to a level that permits restricted or unrestricted use of the property and termination of the NRC license. Throughout this process, the NRC will hold public meetings and post information on the website to keep the public informed.

On behalf of the NRC, I want to thank you for your continued involvement in matters related to nuclear safety. You and your constituents' interest and feedback help us to fulfill our public health and safety mission in an open and transparent manner.

Sincerely,

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Allison M. Macfarlane

cc: Senator Barbara Boxer
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.