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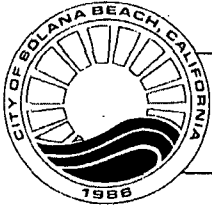
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RE: Docket ID NRC-2013-0070

Dear Mr. Benney:

As the Mayor of Solana Beach, I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed restart of one of the severely damaged San Onofre nuclear reactors located between Los Angeles and San Diego. Given the potential for a major nuclear accident at San Onofre, which risks causing serious harm to millions of people in Southern California, including my constituents, every precaution must be taken prior to restarting either of these identical damaged reactors.

An accident at San Onofre could have far-reaching consequences, causing harm to the millions of people living in Southern California and the environment. It is, therefore, imperative to me that any decisions regarding the proposed restart of either San Onofre reactor be made with maximum deliberation and meaningful opportunity for input from the public.

Southern California Edison, operator of the San Onofre reactors, has proposed to restart Unit 2 reactor for five months at reduced power. However, I believe that uncertainties still remain. To restart a damaged nuclear reactor, even at limited capacity, when the cause of the damage is uncertain puts the lives and livelihoods of my constituents at unacceptable risk. Any license amendment request must address the multiple safety issues that should be satisfied in a comprehensive license amendment process prior, to any approval for restart of San Onofre reactor of Unit 2.

Additionally, before the NRC allows any proposed changes to San Onofre's operating license, the public deserves the safety questions to be fully addressed in a transparent hearing that allows testimony by local communities and third party experts. I respectfully ask that the NRC take no action that could lead to any restart of the San Onofre nuclear power plan before the Commission completes its comprehensive investigation and provides for full opportunity for public participation.

Regards,

Mike Nichols  
Mayor

cc: Senator Barbara Boxer  
Senator Diane Feinstein  
Governor Edmund G. Brown  
NRC Chairman Alison Macfarlane