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General Comment

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May 16, 2013

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- The analyses submitted by Edison's own consultants to purportedly support their restart plan not only conflict with one another regarding the cause of the wear, but do not provide assurance that another accident may not occur within months of restart.
- Edison's own experts have predicted future degradation and damage of the steam generator tube integrity
- Proper analysis of the enhanced risk due to the damaged tubes in the event of an earthquake or tsunami at the site.

Edison has chosen to submit to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission a request for a license amendment that would relax the rules regarding the integrity of the degraded steam generator tubes – the very issue that led to the unexpected shut down of the reactors. This is not appropriate and further creates public distrust of the entire industry as well as placing millions of people in unacceptable risk. Edison has further asked the NRC to determine that this amendment involves “no significant hazards consideration.” 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. Please ensure that this is the case.

Regards,



David Zito, Solana Beach CA.