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Application and Amendment to Facility Operating License Involving Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination; San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 2

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General Comment

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When considering the restart of San Onofre's reactors, public health must come first. Unfortunately Edison's request fails to address significant safety and licensing issues, placing millions of Californians in harm's way. Therefore San Onofre must not be allowed to restart, and must have a public adjudicated license amendment hearing with testimony from independent experts before any decision is made.

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Attachments

PSR-LA San Onofre comments

*The physician and health advocate voice for a world free from nuclear threats
and a safe, healthy environment for all communities.*



**Physicians for Social Responsibility
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Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch (RADB),
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