

July 18, 2013

Mr. John Tavaglione
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Dear Mr. Tavaglione:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter dated May 14, 2013, to Senator Barbara Boxer, expressing your support to restart the Southern California Edison San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), Unit 2.

I appreciate your insights on the electrical needs of California. 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.