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Dear Allison

The people of California demand NRC to reject Southern California Edison (SCE)'s plan to restart San Onofre nuclear plant at reduced power for safety reasons. It's not unusual for plants to operate at reduced power for market reasons, but it is fishy to do so for safety reasons as Edison proposed, because the company still has concerns about running at a higher power. NRC must harshly review major equipment replacements like the steam generators at San Onofre, which caused the plant's shutdown. We remember when a tube in one of San Onofre's newly replaced steam generators sprung a leak and released a small amount of radioactive steam. The leak led to the discovery that the tubes were wearing out at an unusual rate, and the plant has been shut down for more than a year.



We are outraged that SCE sidestepped NRC review of design changes in the new generators with NRC's permission. We demand NRC to revisit its own processes for reviewing major design changes, specifically the 50.59 process, which allows plant owners to make design changes without applying for a license amendment if they determine that the changes will not change the plant's technical specifications or increase the likelihood or severity of an accident. Naturally SCE or any operator would not find anything wrong, and this is allowing the fox to guard the hen house. NRC would have caught the problems if Edison had gone through a license amendment process for all the design changes at San Onofre, and would have identified the problems earlier. Clearly a major modification like new steam generators is not what is intended with 50.59, and any large component where there's many subsystems of multiple subsystems must be reviewed. NRC must close this loophole NOW and stop serving the nuclear industry, because public safety is Job 1.

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