



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

July 8, 2013

Mr. Peter T. Dietrich
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SUBJECT: SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3 -
WITHDRAWAL OF LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST (TAC NOS. ME6820,
ME6821, ME6822, AND ME6823)

Dear Mr. Dietrich:

By letter dated July 29, 2011 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML11215A090), as supplemented by letters dated September 14, 2012, September 27, 2012, September 28, 2012, November 5, 2012, February 15, 2013, March 19, 2013, and April 11, 2013 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML12263A300, ML12275A418, ML12272A092, ML12310A408, ML13051A451, ML13081A019, and ML13105A199, respectively), you applied for an amendment to the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-10 for Unit 2 and NPF-15 for Unit 3. The proposed change would have modified the facility technical specifications pertaining to the use of AREVA 16x16 reactor fuel on a permanent basis in SONGS, Units 2 and 3. Subsequently, by letter July 1, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13183A412), you withdrew the amendment request.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has filed the enclosed Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

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Brian Benney, Senior Project Manager
SONGS Special Projects Branch
Division of Operating Reactor Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362

Enclosure:
Notice of Withdrawal

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FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3

DOCKET NOS. 50-361 AND 50-362

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362; NRC-2012-0016]

Application and Amendment to Facility Operating License Involving

Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination

San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 2 and 3

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: License amendment application; withdrawal.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) has granted the request of Southern California Edison (the licensee) to withdraw its application dated July 29, 2011 (ADAMS Accession No. ML11215A090), as supplemented by letters dated September 14, 2012, September 27, 2012, September 28, 2012, November 5, 2012, February 15, 2013, March 19, 2013, and April 11, 2013 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML12263A300, ML12275A418, ML12272A092, ML12310A408, ML13051A451, ML13081A019, and ML13105A199, respectively), for proposed amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-10 and NPF-15 for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), Units 2 and 3, respectively, located in San Diego County, California.

The proposed amendments would have revised a number of Technical Specification (TS) requirements, to allow the licensee to use AREVA 16x16 reactor fuel on a permanent basis in SONGS, Units 2 and 3. These changes included revising TS 5.7.1.5, Core Operating Limits

Report (COLR), to update the methodology reference list to support the core design with the new AREVA fuel; revising TS 4.2.1, Fuel Assemblies, to include the description of the new fuel cladding material (M5); revising TS 2.1.1.2, Reactor Safety Limits, to identify a fuel centerline melt safety limit for the AREVA fuel with corresponding adjustments made to account for the burnable absorber fuel rods; and incorporating fuel burnup limits consistent with AREVA M5 clad fuel assemblies into the SONGS licensing basis.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the *Federal Register* on February 14, 2012 (76 FR 8292). However, by letter dated July 1, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13183A412), the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated July 29, 2011, as supplemented by letters dated September 14, 2012, September 27, 2012, September 28, 2012, November 5, 2012, February 15, 2013, March 19, 2013, and April 11, 2013, and the licensee's letter dated July 1, 2013, which withdrew the application for license amendment.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of July, 2013.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Brian Bernhey, Senior Project Manager,
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