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Reference: Letter, Mr. M. O. Medford to NRC dated April 5, 1988;
Subject: same as above

In our letter of April 5, 1988 the Southern California Edison Company (SCE) transmitted the Justification for Continued Operation (JCO) with Combustion Engineering (CE) steam generator tube plugs. During discussions of the issue with NRC, SCE was requested to address plans with respect to future activities at Unit 2 and steam generator tube inspections on Unit 3. Our April 5, 1988 letter indicated that the requested information would be provided within thirty days. The purpose of this letter is to provide the requested information.

Future activities at San Onofre Unit 2 regarding the rolled CE steam generator tube plugs will include inspection of each plug during the Cycle 5 refueling outage. That outage is currently scheduled for the third quarter of 1989. This inspection will ensure that every plug is in place and there are no apparent abnormalities. Further actions will depend on the results of both this inspection and the inspection planned for the Unit 3 Cycle 4 refueling outage in May 1988.

The current San Onofre Unit 3 Cycle 4 outage steam generator tube inspection plan is to conduct a Technical Specification inspection. This inspection will consist of eddy current testing the full length of more than 3% of the inservice tubes in each steam generator. In addition to these tube inspections, an inspection of all of the installed tube plugs will be done to ensure that they are in place and there are no apparent abnormalities.

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If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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