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James Hanchett
 Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 Walnut Creek, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to request that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission not issue an operating license to the Southern California Edison Company for their proposed additional nuclear generating stations at San Onofre, California. Furthermore I request that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission close down the currently-operating nuclear generating stations at San Onofre, as their continued operation represents an immediate hazard to life and property.

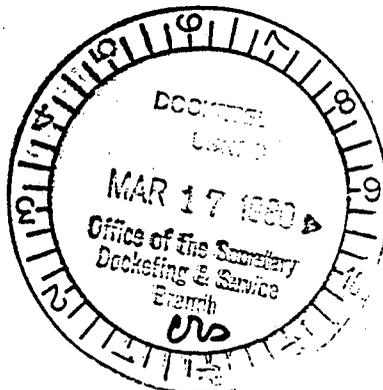
Careless design practices, industry cost-cutting at the expense of safety, and poor Federal regulations have compromised nuclear plant safety defenses against serious accidents, not only at San Onofre but at every nuclear plant throughout the world. All nuclear plants leak radiation; describing these leaks as "of an acceptable level" in no way mitigates their deadly nature, especially as there is no safe level of exposure to radiation.

Nuclear power's share of electricity production is about 13% of America's total energy supply, with a current excess in electrical generating capacity of 33%. (One reason for today's high electricity prices is the cost for all this unused capacity that utility companies such as So. Cal. Edison pass on to consumers. If every nuclear plant in the country were shut down, we would still have 20% excess electrical generating capacity in reserve.) To supply this small proportion of energy, the nuclear industry forces us to accept the risks of disastrous plant accidents and the production of thousands of tons of radioactive wastes. They require that we take the chance of living with radioactivity-caused deaths, cancers, and genetic effects extending into future generations for up to one-half million years.

Please refer to my letter of 1-10-80, to the Office of Emergency Services of the State of California, for additional information.

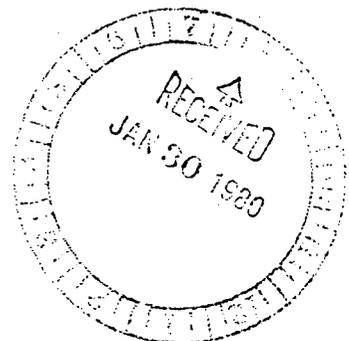
Most sincerely,

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James Hanchett NRC



January 25, 1980

Mr. Farrel Sveslosky
6501 Cerritos Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90805

Dear Mr. Sveslosky:

I appreciate the concern you expressed in your letter to me regarding closure of the nuclear power plant at San Onofre. However, the State cannot close any plant licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) unless it's an immediate hazard to life and property. Only the NRC can close a plant.

Your letter has been forwarded along with a copy of this letter to the NRC in Walnut Creek, California.

As you may know, the NRC has proposed revising their rules to require nuclear power plant evacuation response planning to 10 miles and food pathway planning to 50 miles. In addition, the State Legislature passed SB-1183 which requires the Office of Emergency Services to conduct a study at each of the nuclear power plant sites in California and recommend specific emergency planning criteria. The draft report of these studies is due on March 22, 1980.

When rules have been adopted by the NRC and the results of our site specific studies have been evaluated, we will revise our plan and assist local jurisdictions in revising their plans to meet the requirements of new rules. Funding for this, incidentally, is provided through SB-1183 by assessing the plant operators for the costs of the study and planning.

Any inquiry to the NRC should be addressed to Mr. James Hanchett, NRC.

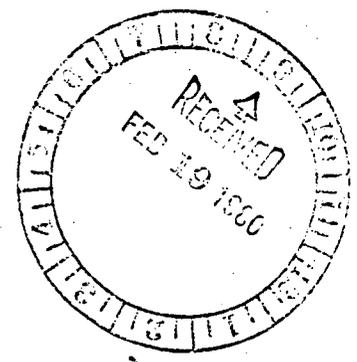
Sincerely,

Original Signed by
Alex R. Cunningham

ALEX R. CUNNINGHAM
Director

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cc: Reg. I & VI
cc: NRC, Walnut Creek ✓



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6561 Cerritos Ave.
Long Beach, Calif.
1-10-80

Alex R. Cunningham, Director
Office of Emergency Services
Sacramento, California

Dear Director Cunningham:

I have been advised that you are the person to whom I should direct my request to shut down Southern California Edison Company's nuclear power plant at San Onofre, California.

I make this request because the continued operation of San Onofre, Rancho Seco, and every other nuclear plant throughout the world, means the end of life on this planet. The preservation, not the destruction of life, should be the highest priority of our government.

The near catastrophe of Three Mile Island clearly brought home the terror of nuclear power. At every level of the nuclear industry there are accidents and radiation leaks. The complex, under-inspected technology of nuclear power rests in the hands of fallible human beings. A direct link exists between radiation, for which there is no safe level of exposure, and epidemics of cancer and birth defects. Tons of radioactive waste already exist from nuclear plants and scientists admit they have no efficient means of disposing of these carcinogenic materials, which must be completely isolated from the environment for one-half million years.

The President's Commission on Three Mile Island stated that in its thirst for profit, the nuclear industry has conducted myriad illegal schemes, all carried out for years under the indifferent eyes of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The President's Commission also stated, "We must not assume that an accident of this or greater seriousness can not happen again, even if the changes we recommend are made."

As for San Onofre, the Marine Review Committee of the California State Coastal Commission stated in its report, Radiological Discharges From Nuclear Power Plants, "Because of the inadequacy of Southern California Edison's monitoring, it is impossible to determine the amount of radioactivity leaking."

Each of the 200 reactors around the world annually produces about one kilogram per reactor of plutonium waste, enough to make 25-30 Hiroshima-size bombs. Less than five kilograms of this waste is enough to give lung cancer to every person on earth.

The same profit motive which lays behind the American "defense" program lays behind the American reactor program. The same callousness toward human life undergirds both phases of nuclear development. Nuclear power and nuclear weapons are two sides of the same coin. They are controlled by the same people, produced by the same corporations, and serve the same interest. They give off the same radioactive poison, generate the same deadly waste that nobody knows what to do with, and both threaten catastrophic destruction. The people who brought us Hiroshima have now brought us Harrisburg.

Radiation from San Onofre reaches Los Angeles County in about fifteen hours, and there are no evacuation plans, as Edison claims that evacuating the area in a fifteen kilometer radius around San Onofre, when evacuation plans are finally developed, will be sufficient.

For these and other reasons, I must insist on the immediate closing of San Onofre. If I have been advised incorrectly and you are not the person to whom this letter should be addressed, please forward it to the proper authorities.

Very sincerely,

James S. ...