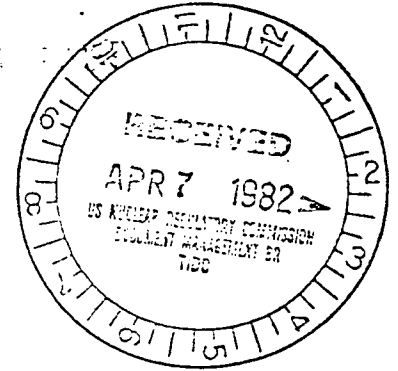




CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE

March 29, 1982



Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Gentlemen

Time and time again, the adequate warning of our population of an emergency at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station becomes an issue in our community. While the current NRC regulations require that the power plant notify our community in an expeditious manner, we have had numerous experiences to indicate that this notification requirement is not always properly complied with.

Our most recent experience was small in scope, but significant. An unusual event occurred at the plant approximately two weeks ago. The "channels of communication" did not get the information to our city for almost two hours. The purpose of this communication is to express our City Council's deep concern that the current regulations and monitoring mechanisms for alert and warning are not adequate. They do not provide proper safeguards against an emergency occurring that is not properly communicated to the authorities with off-site decision-making responsibilities. The system does not provide adequate proof that the communications are being made in a timely fashion nor is there any indication that the utility is penalized for failure to comply with agreed upon procedures.

Continued failure to provide safeguards, or to condone such lackadaisical reporting, will someday result in an emergency escalating to serious proportions long before the off-site authorities are properly notified.

The city of San Clemente is requesting that your agency take steps to assure the citizens of our community that notification of the proper authorities will be assured in a timely and effective fashion.

Sincerely

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