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SUBJECT: Discusses 780324 preoperational monitoring program submittal & subsequent revision & approval. Program will be terminated on Jun 1980 due to delay in fuel loading. All NPDES monitoring will continue.

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Gentlemen:

Subject: Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362
Preoperational Monitoring Program
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 2 & 3

The Preoperational Monitoring Program (PMP) for San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 2 & 3 was submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) by Applicants' letter dated March 24, 1978. The PMP was subsequently revised and resubmitted by Applicants' letter dated June 7, 1978. NRC approval was transmitted to the Applicants by letter dated July 6, 1978.

As stated in Applicants' letters, the PMP was implemented in April 1978, two years prior to the scheduled initial operation of Unit 2. As submitted, the PMP was expected to terminate at the time of initial operation of Unit 2. Fuel loading and initial operation of Unit 2 have been delayed. Consequently, Applicants now plan to terminate the PMP in June 1980. At that time, two complete years of baseline preoperational data will have been gathered.

Upon termination of the PMP, all NPDES monitoring program requirements will continue to be met until an approved operational monitoring program is implemented. The Applicants are presently analyzing results of current monitoring programs and formulating plans for the operational monitoring program. When complete, details of the proposed operational monitoring program will be submitted for approval to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board-San Diego Region to be incorporated in the NPDES monitoring program. The proposed operational monitoring program will also be presented to the NRC.

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Section 6.2.1, Aquatic Biological Monitoring of the San Onofre Draft Environmental Statement (NUREG-0490), published November 1978, states that the PMP will terminate at initial operation of Unit 2. It is requested that the Final Environmental Statement, when published, reflect the Applicant's current plans as heretofore stated.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Dennis Cox on (213) 572-2641.

Very truly yours,

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