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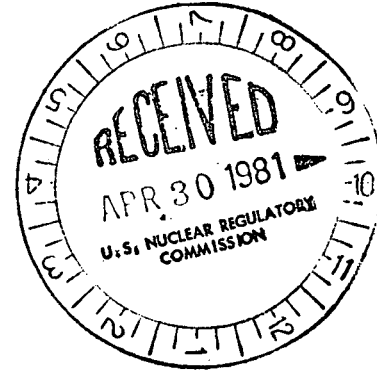
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362  
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station  
Units 2 and 3

This letter is in response to your letter dated March 26, 1981 to Mr. Robert Dietch of our Company and Mr. D. W. Gilman of San Diego Gas & Electric Company. Your letter enclosed comments for our review from joint intervenors to the San Onofre Project, Federal agencies and others regarding the supplement to the Draft Environmental Statement, NUREG-0490.

Our review of the comments is complete and our reply consists of three signed originals and 40 copies for your use. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Very truly yours,

*K. P. Baskin*

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RESPONSE TO COMMENTS  
ON THE SUPPLEMENT TO  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT  
RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF  
SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3  
NUREG 0490  
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PREPARED BY THE  
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The Supplement to Draft Environmental Statement (DES) in this proceeding was issued in January, 1981 and circulated for comment. Comments were submitted to the NRC by various governmental entities as well as certain intervenors in the licensing proceeding and other interested commentators.

Southern California Edison Company and San Diego Gas & Electric Company ("Applicants"), pursuant to letter of March 26, 1981, from Robert L. Tedesco to Applicants, hereby submit their response to the comments of the Consolidated intervenors. Applicants have not attempted to address individual comments of the intervenors which contain factual errors too numerous to mention. However, it is worthy of note that the stated conclusion of Consolidated Intervenors comments is based on "the unique earthquake hazard which could cause a core melt accident and common-cause failure of essential safety systems at SONGS 2 and 3." There is no such "unique earthquake hazard" in that the structures, systems and equipment important to safety have been designed to withstand the effects of a large, nearby earthquake, postulation of which has been shown to be conservative by investigations, by analyses and evaluations conducted over the past approximately ten years. The conservatism of the seismic design basis has been borne out by review by the NRC Staff and the ACRS and their consultants including prominent independent geologists and seismologists as well as the U.S. Geological Survey. Review by the NRC Staff and the ACRS included consideration of input from the California Division of Mines and Geology as well as information provided by Consolidated Intervenors.