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SUBJECT: Discusses 840103 & 25 Tech Spec change requests that use of 8-inch containment purge sys be increased. NRC approval restricted to end of core life. Justification of permanent increase in purge limit being developed.

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Gentlemen:

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

Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) letters dated January 3, 1984 and January 25, 1984 submitted a proposed change to Technical Specifications 3.6.1.7, CONTAINMENT VENTILATION SYSTEM of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) Units 2 and 3 Operating Licenses NPF-10 and NPF-15, respectively. The proposed change requested that the limit of 1000 hours per 365 days on the use of the 8 inch containment purge system be increased to 3000 hours per 365 days.

The NRC staff has reviewed this request and has proposed that it be approved with its applicability restricted to the end of core life (i.e. the end of Cycle 3). SCE accepts the staff's proposal on the basis that even with this added restriction, the proposed change will alleviate the immediate problem of the current 1000 hour purge limit restricting continued plant operation. SCE also understands that a permanent increase of the 1000 hour purge limit beyond the end of Cycle 3 could be justified on the basis of

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operating experience, ALARA considerations and plant specific design considerations. Recognizing this, SCE intends to develop and submit this type of justification for a permanent increase in the purge limit before the end of Cycle 3.

If you have any questions regarding the information provided by this letter, please call me.

Very truly yours,

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