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Gentlemen:

Subject: SRO Examinations and Training

This letter concerns the performance on the NRC examinations of candidates for senior operator licenses for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit No. 2.

Based on our review of the examination results, we have determined that two senior operator candidates out of eighteen candidates passed the written examination. Of the sixteen failures, three also failed the operator portion of the written examination and six also failed the oral examination. Denial letters have been issued.

In addition, our review of the operator written examination fails to reveal the expected distinct difference in grades between senior operator candidates and operator candidates.

Based on the above examination results, we cannot accept Southern California Edison Company certification of candidates' competency until we have reviewed a new training program that indicates a significant upgrading of the senior operator candidates training, including the means to be employed to certify the competency of the candidates.

Mr. J. Haynes, Manager, Nuclear Operations, and several members of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station staff met with the NRC staff on November 9 and 10, 1981. They reviewed the results and are aware of our concerns. We informed Mr. Haynes that because of the nature of the deficiencies we needed to reconsider our recent waiver of the simulator examination requirements, pending review of your new training program.

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We will be willing to meet with you after you have developed your new approach to training and certification of senior operator candidates. Please make the arrangements with Harry Rood, the Project Manager. (301) 492-8427.

Sincerely,



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