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The NRC staff findings addressing the issues you raised regarding the licensing of Unit Nos. 2 and 3 are given in the Safety Evaluation Report, with Supplements (Enclosure 1). Many of these issues are also addressed in the Partial Initial Decision issued by the Atomic Safety Licensing Board on January 11, 1982 (Enclosure 2). On the basis of these findings and the results of an independent seismic design verification and quality assurance program effectiveness, I have issued an operating license on February 16, 1982, for San Onofre Unit No. 2 authorizing operation up to 5% of full rated power.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
H. R. Denton

Harold R. Denton, Director
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