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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region V
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
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DOCKET NO. 50-206
SAN ONOFE UNIT 1

Dear Sir:

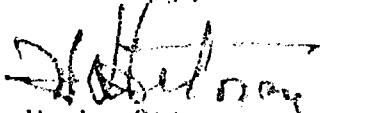
The following information concerning component failure is submitted as required by our Technical Specifications, Section 6.9.2.a(3):

While conducting the containment integrated leak rate test, a leak of approximately 40 standard cubic feet per minute (SCFM) was noted. This leakage corresponds to about one percent of the sphere volume in 24 hours, or more than ten times the allowable containment leakage.

Investigation revealed that this leakage was the result of two holes, inadvertently drilled through the one inch thick shell of the containment vessel during the course of installing a new leak rate access platform. Construction of the leak rate platform involved mounting three new vertical support beams to a narrow, two foot wide concrete ledge that extends inward from the containment sphere circumference at elevation fourteen feet. While installing anchor bolts for these support beams, the concrete ledge was drilled too deeply, resulting in containment penetration in two locations.

Investigation into the events surrounding this incident is in progress. A complete report on this matter together with a licensee event report will be forwarded within two weeks.

Sincerely,


H. L. Ottosen
Superintendent

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