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Mr. Lee V. Gossick  
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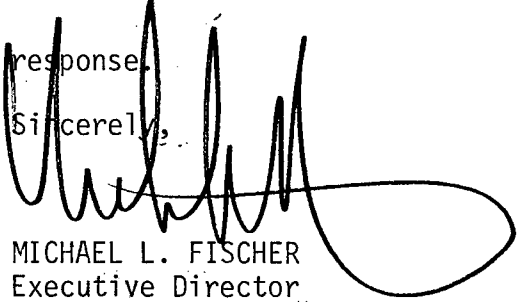
Dear Mr. Gossick:

The California Coastal Commission has found that the program for monitoring the radiological discharges from the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, which has been required by the NRC, is grossly inadequate. An independent scientific review committee, sponsored by the Commission, observed that the design and implementation of Southern California Edison's monitoring program is so inadequate that the accurate location of sampling stations cannot even be determined. In other words, it is difficult to detect where and how much radionuclides are present in the marine environment offshore the Plant. I have sent the full report on the monitoring program to Mr. De Young of your staff.

We urgently request that you work with Southern California Edison to correct the deficiencies in the monitoring program. Because both San Onofre Units 2 and 3 and Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2 may soon be before the NRC for operating license proceedings, it is important to assure the California public that all possible adverse impacts of the plants on the marine environment will be detected and corrected.

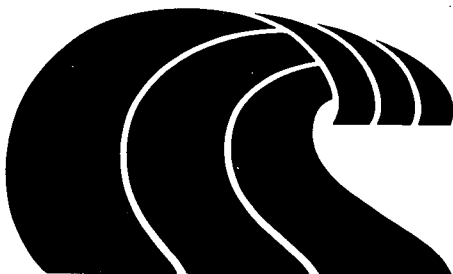
The Commissioners and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

  
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Executive Director

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