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Attention: Document Control Desk
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Gentlemen:

Subject: **Docket No. 50-206**
Modification of Fuel Handler Certification Program
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1 (SONGS 1)

Reference: Letter from H. B. Ray, SCE, to USNRC dated January 15, 1993,
Amendment Application No. 210, Defueled Operator Qualifications
and Staffing.

This letter transmits a description of our Fuel Handler Certification (FHC) program, modified to include on-the-job training (OJT) requirements for candidates previously licensed as Reactor Operators. This modified program description supersedes the description previously submitted for NRC approval.

Background

We submitted, in the referenced letter, a proposed change to those portions of the SONGS 1 Technical Specifications which require the use of operators licensed per 10CFR55. The proposed change would allow the use of non-licensed operators qualified in accordance with site specific programs tailored to the plant's defueled condition. A description of the qualification program for the highest level of non-licensed operator, the Certified Fuel Handler, was submitted with the proposed change for NRC approval.

Modification to Certified Fuel Handler Program

We have modified the FHC program to include OJT requirements for candidates previously licensed as Reactor Operators. The OJT requirements are similar to those specified in the original submittal, for FHC candidates not previously licensed. This modification was made in response to discussions with the NRC Project Manager and the NRC reviewer.

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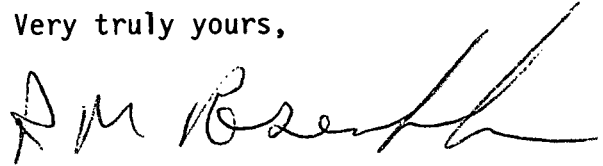
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Although only Section 7 of the FHC program description is affected by this modification, we have provided a complete copy of the modified program description as an attachment to this letter to facilitate NRC review. The modified portions of the text are indicated by revision bars in the right margin.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,



Attachment

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