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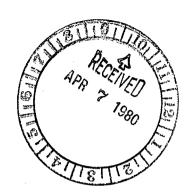


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Attention: Mr. R. H. Engelken, Director



Docket No. 50-206 San Onofre Unit 1

Dear Sir:

This report is submitted in accordance with Section 5.6.3 b (3) of Appendix B to Provisional Operating License DPR-13 and describes a reportable occurrence defined therein for San Onofre Unit 1.

ETS Section 3.1.2.a (1) C.1. <u>Diving Surveys</u> requires that sampling be performed at eleven benthic stations on a quarterly basis. Similarly the pre-operational monitoring program for Units 2 and 3 required that ten benthic stations also be sampled quarterly.

During the first quarterly benthic survey in 1980, data could only be collected from six of eleven Unit 1 ETS benthic stations and four of ten Units 2 and 3 benthic stations.

Data collection was interrupted due to severe storm conditions throughout the Southern California area during the first three months of 1980. San Diego County was officially declared a disaster area by President Carter on February 22, 1980 due to the heavy rains and associated flooding. Excessive rainfall totaling 17.76 inches in the San Onofre area during January, February, and March resulted in extremely poor diving conditions. Several beaches including San Clemente and San Onofre State Beach were closed at various intervals due to health hazards created by raw sewage overflow from treatment plants during the heavy rains. In addition to unacceptable diving conditions, several buoy system marking stations were torn loose by intense storm activity resulting in the temporary loss of stations.

Severe storm activity has restricted data collection in the marine environment off San Onofre during previous survey periods. Intense rainfall and resultant river runoff and sediment transport to nearshore waters were documented during December 1977 through May 1978. The infrequent data loss

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due to prolonged storm activity has not proved to be significant enough to prevent assessment of benthic community structure in the past.

The impact of natural catastrophic phenonmena such as those previously described will be discussed in further detail in the 1979 Biological Analysis Report to be submitted to the Commission in July 1980.

Should you require additional information on this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Licensee Event Report 80-009

cc: Director, Nuclear Reactor Regulation (17)