Docket Nos. 50-206, 50-361, 50-362

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Attention: Mr. Kenneth P. Baskin, Vice President

Nuclear Engineering, Safety, and Licensing

Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Inspection of San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station

This letter refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. C. W. Caldwell of this office on October 31 through November 4, 1988, of activities authorized by NRC License Nos. DPR-13, NPF-10, and NPF-15 and to the discussion of our findings held by Mr. Caldwell with members of the San Onofre staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

No violations of NRC requirements were identified within the scope of this inspection.

During our November 2, 1988 management meeting at the San Onofre Site, we expressed concern with your program for making reportability evaluations in accordance with 10 CFR 50.72 and 50.73. In particular, as discussed further in Paragraph 3 of the enclosed report, the San Onofre staff seems to apply a large amount of effort justifying why a problem is not reportable, rather than taking the conservative approach of reporting an item if reportability is questionable. We encourage you to adopt a more conservative approach toward reportability determinations.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 (a), a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

R. P. Zimmerman, Chief, Reactor Projects Branch

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## Enclosure:

1. Inspection Report
Nos. 50-206/88-27
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