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Attention: Mr. Harold B. Ray, Vice President
Nuclear Engineering, Safety, and Licensing

Gentlemen:

Subject: Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP)

The NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Board has completed its periodic evaluation of the performance of your San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station during the period October 1, 1988 through January 31, 1990.

The performance of San Onofre was evaluated in the functional areas of plant operations, radiological controls, maintenance/surveillance, emergency preparedness, security, engineering/technical support, and safety assessment/quality verification. The criteria used in conducting this assessment and the SALP Board's evaluation of your performance in these functional areas are contained in the enclosed SALP report.

Based upon discussions with your staff, a management meeting to discuss the results of the SALP Board's assessment has been scheduled for April 25, 1990, at the San Onofre site. Arrangements for the management meeting will be discussed further with your staff in the near future.

Overall, the SALP Board found your performance to be acceptable and directed toward safe facility operation. Good performance was noted to have continued in the radiological controls, emergency preparedness, and security functional areas, and maintenance/surveillance was also considered to be an area of strength. The Board also recognized improved performance in the areas of engineering/technical support, and safety assessment/quality verification as a result of your attention and initiatives in these areas.

However, several concerns were identified by the NRC during this assessment period. A concern common to several functional areas, particularly in plant operations and maintenance, was the need for additional attention to details during the performance of routine activities. In addition, weaknesses were identified that were specific to three functional areas, as follows:

- Operations -- instances of inappropriate application of Technical Specifications requirements, and several examples of operational errors during fundamental plant evolutions.

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- Engineering/Technical Support -- inadequate translation of design bases into component setpoints, lack of formal calculations for key design parameters related to some of the electrical distribution systems, and problems with design change outputs that resulted in plant events.
- Safety Assessment/Quality Verification -- problems with implementation of the corrective action program, inadequate safety evaluations, and poor or untimely licensing submittals.

Overall, however, SCE management recognized a need for improvement in these areas and initiated corrective actions during the latter part of the SALP period.

A management summary of this assessment is provided in Section II of the enclosed report. Perceived strengths and weaknesses and Board recommendations are discussed in Section IV, Performance Analysis.

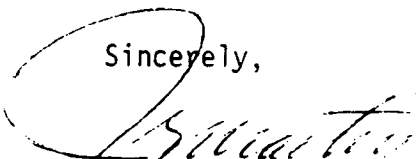
In that no functional area was assessed as Category 3, a written response to the enclosed initial SALP report is not required. Should you wish to submit comments on the report, they should be provided within 30 days after the April 25, 1990 meeting.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed SALP report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room, as well as any comments you may wish to submit to the NRC regarding the content of the SALP report.

The NRC's Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data performed an assessment of licensee event reports submitted for San Onofre. This assessment was provided as an input to the SALP process; a copy is therefore provided as Attachment 1 to the enclosed report.

Should you have any questions concerning the SALP report, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



J. B. Martin
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

SALP Report Nos. 50-206/90-02, 361/90-02, 362/90-02, w/Attachment 1

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