

UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

November 16, 1981

Docket No. 50-206  
LS05-81-11-Q22

LETTER TO CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S DECISION UNDER 10 CFR 2.206 (DD-81-19)  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY  
(SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNIT 1)

This is in response to petitions received by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission since November 1979 requesting that the Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation suspend or revoke the operating license for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1.

The petitions allege that San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1 is not designed to withstand possible ground motions from earthquakes that may occur and that evacuation plans are inadequate to cope with a potential accident at the site. Moreover, in an updated version of the petition distributed by the Alliance for Survival in 1980, the petitioners expressed additional seismic concerns in light of the Livermore earthquake of January 1980. The updated petition also pointed out that the Rogovin Report to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on the Three Mile Island accident recommended that old reactors near major cities be shutdown until realistic evacuation plans are available for use. By letter dated July 10, 1981, Mr. Ralph Nader also requested that operation of San Onofre Unit 1 be suspended pending completion of a "license review" for the facility. We have responded to Mr. Nader's request in a separate decision under 10 CFR 2.206.

The petitions have been considered under the provisions of 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations. This office has determined, for the reasons set forth in the enclosed Decision, not to issue an order suspending or revoking License No. DPR-13, which authorizes Southern California Edison to operate San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1. The Decision includes a recent staff report regarding the seismic capability of San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1.

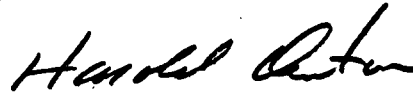
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The decision will also be filed with the Secretary of the Commission for its review in accordance with 10 CFR 2.206(c) of the Commission's regulations. As provided for by this regulation, the decision will constitute the final action of the Commission twenty-five (25) days after the date of issuance of the decision unless the Commission, on its own motion, institutes a review of the decision within that time.

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A copy of the Notice of Issuance of the Director's Decision, which is being filed with the Office of the Federal Register for publication, is also enclosed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harold Denton".

Harold Denton, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosures:

1. Director's Decision
2. Notice of Issuance

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