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Mr. Harold B. Ray
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Dear Mr. Ray:

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY WAIVER OF COMPLIANCE - SAN ONOFRE UNIT 1 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION 3.3, SAFETY INJECTION AND CONTAINMENT SPRAY SYSTEMS

This letter documents the granting of a temporary waiver of compliance to the Southern California Edison Company for San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Unit 1 Provisional Operating License, DPR-13. Specifically, this action authorizes a waiver of compliance from Technical Specification 3.3.1.A.(7) and 3.3.1.B. The waiver of compliance was issued verbally at 9:00 p.m., PDT, on August 8, 1991, following telephone communications between the Southern California Edison Company (SCE) and the NRC staff. The waiver of compliance was issued for a period not to exceed 72 hours. The request for waiver of compliance is summarized by a letter dated August 9, 1991 from SCE to the NRC. The letter was received electronically by the NRC on August 9, 1991.

At 5:00 p.m., PDT, Unit 1 managers concluded that one of two level transmitters (LT 1100) on the volume control tank (VCT) was inoperable. On low level in the VCT, LT 1100 initiates closure of one of two VCT outlet valves and sends a signal to open a flow path from the refueling water storage tank. If level in the VCT continues to decrease, a signal is sent to stop the charging pump.

Technical Specification 3.3.1.A.(7) requires valves and interlocks associated with the Safety Injection System to be operable. Technical Specification 3.3.1.B lists several components and limits maintenance to one component at a time for the components listed. An inoperable LT 1100 triggers the action requirements associated with Specification 3.3.1.A.(7) and 3.3.1.B. There are no unique action statements included with these specifications. Therefore, the licensee is required to revert to the actions included in Specification 3.0.3, which require operators to commence plant shutdown within 1 hour and be in hot standby within the next 6 hours. Operators began plant shutdown at 6:00 p.m., PDT, per the TS requirement and at 6:15 p.m., PDT, contacted the NRC staff by telephone to request a temporary waiver of compliance from the TS.

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Sincerely,

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