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Attention: Mr. Kenneth P. Baskin, 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, 1987 through September 30, 1988.

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 December 13, 1988, at your Rosemead offices. 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 Plant Operations area; and Radiological Controls, Emergency Preparedness, and Security were also perceived as areas of strength. However, several concerns were identified by the NRC during this assessment period. The Board found that there was a need to improve the involvement of management in developing a self-critical attitude at all levels of your organization. This need was common to several functional areas, and most pronounced in the areas of engineering and safety assessment.

- Engineering/Technical Support - insufficient understanding of plant design, inadequate control of design processes, and discrepancies in the design data base.
- Safety Assessment/Quality Verification - insufficient aggressiveness of quality groups in identifying developing plant problems, inadequate safety reviews, improper reportability determinations, and inadequately supported amendment requests.

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Actions were initiated late in the assessment period to start improvements, but these actions are still in the formative stages.

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.

You are requested to provide to this office, within 30 days after our management meeting, a written response which addresses the two functional areas assessed by the SALP Board as Category 3. This response should describe actions which you have taken or plan to take to provide improved performance in these functional areas. Actions described in previous correspondence may be included by reference if appropriate. Your response may also include comments on or amplification of the SALP report in other areas, as appropriate.

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, the enclosed SALP report, and your response will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

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.

The response requested by this letter is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
John B. Martin

J. B. Martin
Regional Administrator

Enclosure:
SALP Report No. 50-206/88-25, 361/88-26, 362/88-28
Attachment 1 Enclosed in SALP Report

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