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Docket Nos. 50-206, 361, 362

Southern California Edison Company  
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Attention: Mr. Harold B. Ray  
Senior Vice President, Nuclear

Gentlemen:

Subject: Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP)

The NRC SALP Board has completed its periodic assessment of licensed activities associated with your San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station during the period from February 1, 1990 through July 31, 1991.

The performance of San Onofre activities 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 are contained in NRC Manual Chapter 0516, issued on September 28, 1990. The SALP Board's assessment is provided in the enclosed Initial SALP Report.

The SALP Board found your overall performance to have been good, and in some cases superior, and directed toward safe facility operation. Superior performance was noted to have continued in the Radiological Controls, Emergency Preparedness, and Security functional areas. Although some performance problems were noted during the course of the SALP period, improving performance was recognized during the latter portion in Plant Operations, Engineering/Technical Support, and Safety Assessment/Quality Verification. Many of the improvement programs instituted during the previous SALP period were observed to be taking effect.

Several concerns were identified by the NRC during this assessment period. Weaknesses were observed in the control of maintenance activities, contributing to a decline in Maintenance/Surveillance to a Category 2 rating. Weak engineering assessments of shorter term or emergent technical issues were at times observed. Also, a more self-critical management approach and additional attention to the implementation of established programs were at times needed.

Based upon discussions with your staff, a management meeting to discuss the results of the SALP Board's assessment has been scheduled for October 16, 1991 at the San Onofre site. Arrangements will be discussed with your staff in the near future.

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An overview of the SALP Board's assessment is provided in Section II of the enclosed report. Perceived strengths and weaknesses and Board recommendations are discussed in Section III, Performance Analysis. Section IV of the enclosed report provides supporting data and a summary of activities for the assessment period.

In that no functional area was assessed as Category 3, a written response to the enclosed Initial SALP Report is not required. However, you may submit comments on the report, if desired, within 30 days after the October 16 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, the enclosed report, and any response you may wish to provide will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

  
J. B. Martin  
Regional Administrator

Enclosure:

Initial SALP Report Nos. 50-206/91-16,  
50-361/91-16,  
and 50-362/91-16

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