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Southern California Edison Company
Irvine Operations Center
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Irvine, California 92718

Attention: Mr. Harold B. Ray, Senior Vice President, Power Systems

SUBJECT: FALSIFICATION OF PLANT RECORDS
NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-206/361/362/92-23

This refers to the NRC inspection conducted on July 17 through August 26, 1992, at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station to review, in part, the actions taken by you to determine the potential for record falsification at your facility. Information Notice (IN) 92-30, "Falsification of Plant Records," was issued on April 23, 1992, to alert all licensees of the NRC's concern that plant mechanics, technicians, and operators may have falsified plant records at several nuclear plants. As a result of your review, you identified three records made by one individual that you determined were incomplete or inaccurate.

The NRC is concerned about the apparent misconduct on the part of the plant personnel involved with those records. Because the NRC must be able to rely on the professionalism and integrity of personnel who perform safety-related activities, including log taking and record keeping, such misconduct cannot be tolerated. Therefore, the NRC is issuing the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) to document that concern and to emphasize your management's responsibility to assure that your records are complete and accurate. However, after considering the facts of this case, including your identification of the violations and the corrective actions taken (both disciplinary action against the offending individual and program upgrades to improve the log keeping process), the NRC has decided not to assign a severity level to the violations, nor require a response to the Notice.

In the future, similar violations may result in escalated enforcement action. In addition, enforcement action can be taken against not only the facility licensee for the inaccurate or incomplete information (see 10 CFR 50.9(a)), but also against any individual who engages in deliberate misconduct that causes, or but for detection, would have caused a licensee to be in violation of a requirement for providing accurate information to you or the NRC (see 10 CFR 50.5).

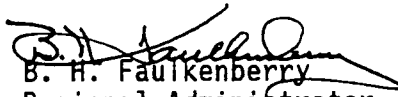
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Sincerely,


B. H. Faulkenberry
Regional Administrator

Enclosure: Notice of Violation

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