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Attention: Mr. R. H. Engelken, Director



Docket No. 50-206  
San Onofre Unit 1

Dear Sir:

This letter describes a reportable occurrence as defined in Environmental Technical Specification 5.6.3.b(3)(c). After reviewing data submitted by our contractor on August 6, 1979, it was determined that the routine monthly drinking water sample and analysis was not performed for one of the established collection points.

Specification 3.2.3 of Appendix B to the San Onofre Unit 1 Provisional Operating License establishes, in part, that one liter samples of drinking water will be taken from the Tri-Cities Municipal Water District (TMWD) on a monthly basis. It has been determined that the drinking water sample for TMWD for the month of May was lost while in transit to our contractor and that a supplementary sample was not collected.

This data loss from Tri-Cities Municipal Water District results in an incomplete monthly data analysis of gross beta and gross alpha activity which would be summarized with the results of other samples in the Annual Operating Report.

In an effort to prevent recurrence of this event, which was caused by personnel error in conjunction with lack of administrative controls, the following corrective actions have been taken:

1. Appropriate procedures are being revised to have station personnel responsible for the collection and mailing of collected samples. It is anticipated that procedure revision will be completed by September 30, 1979.

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2. Cognizant personnel have been made aware of the requirements and administrative controls have been established.

The results of analysis of drinking water samples as reported in the Annual Operating Reports have consistently demonstrated that there has been no impact on the environment as a result of San Onofre Unit 1 operation.

Should you require additional information on this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Attachment: Licensee Event Report 79-011

cc: Director, Nuclear Reactor Regulation (17)