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Dear Mr. Baskin:

SUBJECT: INSTRUMENTATION TO DETECT INADEQUATE CORE COOLING
(TAC NO. 45171)

RE: SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNIT NO. 1

We have completed our review of your letter of June 20, 1986 wherein you responded to NRC Generic Letter No. 82-28, "Inadequate Core Cooling Instrumentation System." In your response, you stated that direct-reading reactor vessel water level instrumentation is not required at San Onofre Unit 1.

As discussed more completely in the enclosed Safety Evaluation, we have concluded that your request for relief from this post - TMI item is not acceptable and your request is therefore denied. This denial includes consideration of your letter of October 5, 1987 in which you proposed to add a single non-safety related thermocouple in the reactor upper internals. While we do not necessarily object to your installing this device (see the enclosed request for additional information about this), we do not accept it as an alternative to the reactor water level instrumentation required by Generic Letter 82-28.

We request that you respond to the enclosed request for additional information within 60 days of your receipt of this letter, and include with your response your commitment to install a reactor vessel water level instrument at San Onofre Unit 1.

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The reporting and/or recordkeeping requirements contained in this letter affect fewer than ten respondents; therefore, OMB clearance is not required under Pub. L. 96-511.

Please contact us if you should have any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

original signed by Charles Trammell

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Enclosures:

- 1. Safety Evaluation
- 2. Request for Additional Information

cc w/enclosure:
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