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Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2
Commitment to Maintain Severe Accident Management Guidelines

Dear Commissioners and Staff:

The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) Nuclear Strategic Issues Advisory Committee (NSIAC) recently approved an Industry Initiative to implement and maintain Severe Accident Management Guidelines (SAMGs). These guidelines would be used by emergency response personnel during conditions in which significant damage to fuel in the reactor vessel or spent fuel pool is occurring or is imminent. SAMG strategies are intended to arrest the progression of fuel damage, maintain the capability of the containment as long as possible, and minimize radiological releases.

This letter establishes commitments related to SAMGs for Diablo Canyon Power Plant. New regulatory commitments (as defined by NEI 99-04) are provided in the Enclosure to this letter.

It is expected that NRC Staff personnel will conduct periodic inspections of our SAMGs and performance deficiencies, if any, and will be assessed using the Reactor Oversight Process. Inspection activities will not extend to NRC review and approval of SAMG strategies, or the use of equipment described in the SAMGs.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Hossein Hamzehee, Regulatory Services Manager, at 805-545-4720.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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List of Regulatory Commitments

The following table identifies those actions committed to by Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) in this document. Any other statements in this submittal are provided for information purposes and are not considered to be regulatory commitments.

COMMITMENT	TYPE (Check One)		SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE
	ONE- TIME ACTION	CONTINUING COMPLIANCE	
DCPP will consider the site Severe Accident Management Guidelines (SAMGs) within plant configuration management processes in order to ensure that the SAMGs reflect changes to the facility over time.		X	October 31, 2016
DCPP will update the site SAMGs to future revisions of the Pressurized Water Reactor Owners Group generic severe accident technical guidelines, and the SAMGs will be integrated with other emergency response guideline sets and symptom-based Emergency Operating Procedures, and validated using the guidance in NEI 14-01, <i>"Emergency Response Procedures and Guidelines for Beyond Design Basis Events and Severe Accidents."</i>		X	Within 2 refueling outages or 3 years of the publication date of the guidelines, whichever is greater