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Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director

Division of Licensing, NRR

SUBJECT:

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY VIEW ON THE ADEQUACY

OF OFFSITE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR LOW POWER TESTING

AT DIABLO CANYON (BOARD NOTIFICATION NO. 81-34)

The enclosed information is being provided to you for your consideration.

Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director Division of Licensing Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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MEMORANDUM: FOR:

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FROM:

Marshall E. Sanders

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State and Local Programs and Support

SUBJECT:

Offsite Emergency Preparedness for Low Power Testing

at Diablo Canyon

In a Memorandum and Order dated September 21, 1981, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission requested the current views of FEMA regarding the adequacy of emergency planning related to low power testing at Diablo Canyon.

FEMA's current position remains the same as that expressed in the memorandum to Harold Denton and John McConnell from the FEMA/NRC Steering Committee dated February 14, 1980, and reaffirmed in a March 12, 1980, memorandum from Mr. McConnell to Mr. Denton. Basically, these memoranda expressed the view that in cases where a State radiological emergency plan was previously concurred in by NRC, this would constitute adequate offsite preparedness for the purposes of low power testing. This position was taken on assurance by NRC that low power testing posed significantly less offsite consequences should an accident occur at the plant, and our joint assessment that capabilities for response represented by a concurred in plan would be adequate to cope with any unlikely accident with offsite effects. Consequently, it is FEMA's view that offsite emergency preparedness for low power testing at Diablo Canyon is adequate to protect the public health and safety.

cc: FEMA. Region IX

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