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August 22, 1991

Mr. James D. Shiffer  
Senior Vice President and General Manager  
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San Francisco, California 94106

Dear Mr. Shiffer:

On May 17, 1991 Diablo Canyon Unit 1 experienced a reactor trip and safety injection. We understand that during the trip recovery, the Assistant Control Operator (ACO) was directed by the Unit 1 Senior Control Operator (SCO) to perform tasks which included securing the steam driven auxiliary feed pump, securing the safety injection pumps, and opening and closing valves that were associated with instrument air to containment. The ACO on shift at the time was a non-licensed individual. We also understand that unlicensed operators, who routinely stand watch as ACO's, do not receive simulator training with their respective crews.

Please provide us with:

- (1) your evaluation of this event as related to the activities performed by the ACO and the requirements of 10 CFR 50.54(i) and (j);
- (2) an explanation of your policy concerning the duties of non-licensed ACO's on shift; and
- (3) a description of the training received by these ACO's to ensure that they are able to carry out these duties and be properly assimilated into the crew.

Please provide a response within 30 days. Your response should include any proposed corrective actions you believe are appropriate.

If your response contains any privacy or privileged information that you believe should be withheld from public disclosure, please provide that information in an appropriately marked enclosure to your letter. In addition, if you provide any information which you believe is proprietary, please provide the affidavit required by 10 CFR 2.790.

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If you have any questions about this request, please contact Lew Miller of my staff at (415) 975-0302.

Sincerely,

*RP Zimmerman*

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Division of Reactor Safety and Projects

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