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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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Docket Nos. 50-275 and 50-323

Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
77 Beale Street, Room 1451  
San Francisco, California 94106

Attention: Mr. J. D. Shiffer, Senior Vice President  
Nuclear Power Generation Business Unit

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION OF DIABLO CANYON UNITS 1 AND 2

This refers to an unannounced inspection conducted by Messrs. M. Royack, F. Gee, and P. Galon of this office during the weeks of July 29 through August 2, and August 19 through August 23, 1991, of activities authorized by NRC license Nos. DPR-80 and DPR-82, and to the discussion of our findings held with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. The inspection was reopened on September 20 to review an operability evaluation for Unit 1 4kv/480 volt transformers. A followup exit was held by telephone on October 8, 1991 to discuss the results of the operability review.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors.

The findings discussed in this report indicate a weakness in the proper identification and evaluation of safety significant problems which require an operability evaluation be performed. In this regard, the inspectors identified two occasions where earlier operability evaluations would have been beneficial in determining the capability of equipment to perform their design safety functions. This weakness appears to have a root cause based in poor coordination of day to day operating information between your site engineering and your corporate design engineering staffs, and a lack of appropriate procedural guidance for identifying and evaluating problems requiring performance of operability evaluations.

We understand that you have recognized this procedural deficiency and will be issuing a procedure to address the issue. We consider that engineering coordination and information transfer are key factors in identifying and resolving potentially safety significant issues before they become problems. Accordingly, we will continue to review your progress within this area during future inspections.

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No violations or deviations were identified during this inspection.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be glad to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

  
Dennis F. Kirsch, Chief  
Reactor Safety Branch

Enclosure:

Inspection Report No. 50-275/91-25, 50-323/91-25

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