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Re: Docket No. 50-275, OL-DPR-80  
Docket No. 50-323, OL-DPR-82  
Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2,  
Onsite Safety Review Group

Dear Mr. Martin:

This letter is to inform you that Nuclear Power Generation (NPG) management plans to discontinue the policy of the Onsite Safety Review Group (OSRG) performing an independent evaluation of the Technical Review Group (TRG) process. This policy was originally established in January 1986. In DCL-86-071, dated March 14, 1986, PG&E responded to NRC Enforcement Action EA 86-04 and stated that the OSRG had been given the responsibility of critiquing the conduct of TRGs at DCP, and that an overall assessment of the TRG process would be prepared by the OSRG and presented quarterly to the General Office Nuclear Plant Review and Audit Committee (GONPRAC).

The OSRG has been performing a necessary and important overview function as a required participant in TRGs over the past six years. However, as communicated in our presentation at the management meeting of October 10, 1990, and restated in Inspection Report 90-26, the increased involvement of Quality Assurance (QA) and Quality Control (QC) in oversight of the TRG process and problem identification and resolution is a positive step to improve the overall process. Because of the increased QA/QC involvement in the problem resolution process since late-1990, NPG is refocusing the role of OSRG participation in the TRG process.

The OSRG will analyze the technical aspects of selected significant problems by focusing on safety consequences, cause determination, and regulatory aspects. The OSRG will contribute its cause determination expertise and operating experience knowledge to the TRG discussions. Rather than providing concerns via after-the-fact critiques of the TRG process, the OSRG will provide direct, real-time input to the problem resolution process during TRG meetings or discussions with plant

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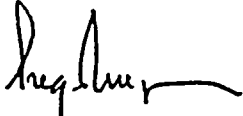
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management. The OSRG will continue to maintain its independence from the TRG decision process and will continue to keep NPG management informed of its concerns via OSRG meeting summaries and OSRG representation at Nuclear Safety Oversight Committee (NSOC) meetings. NSOC replaced GONPRAC in early 1992.

Sincerely,



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