

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

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Docket Nos. 50-275 and 50-323

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Dear Mr. Rueger:

SUBJECT: SAFETY EVALUATION (SE) OF INSERVICE TESTING (IST) PROGRAM RELIEF REQUESTS FOR DIABLO CANYON (TAC NOS. M79825 AND M79826)

By letter dated February 27, 1991, as supplemented by letters dated May 3, 1991, December 11, 1991, and May 1, 1992, you submitted the Diablo Canyon IST Program Plan, Revision 8 (Unit 1) and Revision 5 (Unit 2) for review by the NRC staff. The revised IST Program Plan included several new and revised relief requests from the requirements of Section XI of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code. The NRC staff has completed its review of your submittals. Our SE is enclosed.

Generic Letter (GL) 89-04, "Guidance on Developing Acceptable Inservice Testing Programs," was issued on April 3, 1989. This GL identified acceptable alternatives to ASME Code requirements for certain aspects of inservice testing. Your Relief Requests 18, 21, and 22 conform to a position given in GL 89-04, Attachment 1. Therefore, they are not addressed in the enclosed SE, since they are approved per the generic letter. The enclosed SE specially addresses valve relief requests 9, 13, 14, and 23. The NRC staff's findings with respect to granting or not granting other reliefs requested as part of the Diablo Canyon IST program are contained SEs dated December 22, 1988 and August 21, 1991.

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This completes our review of the Diablo Canyon IST program and closes TAC Nos. M79825 and M79826. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

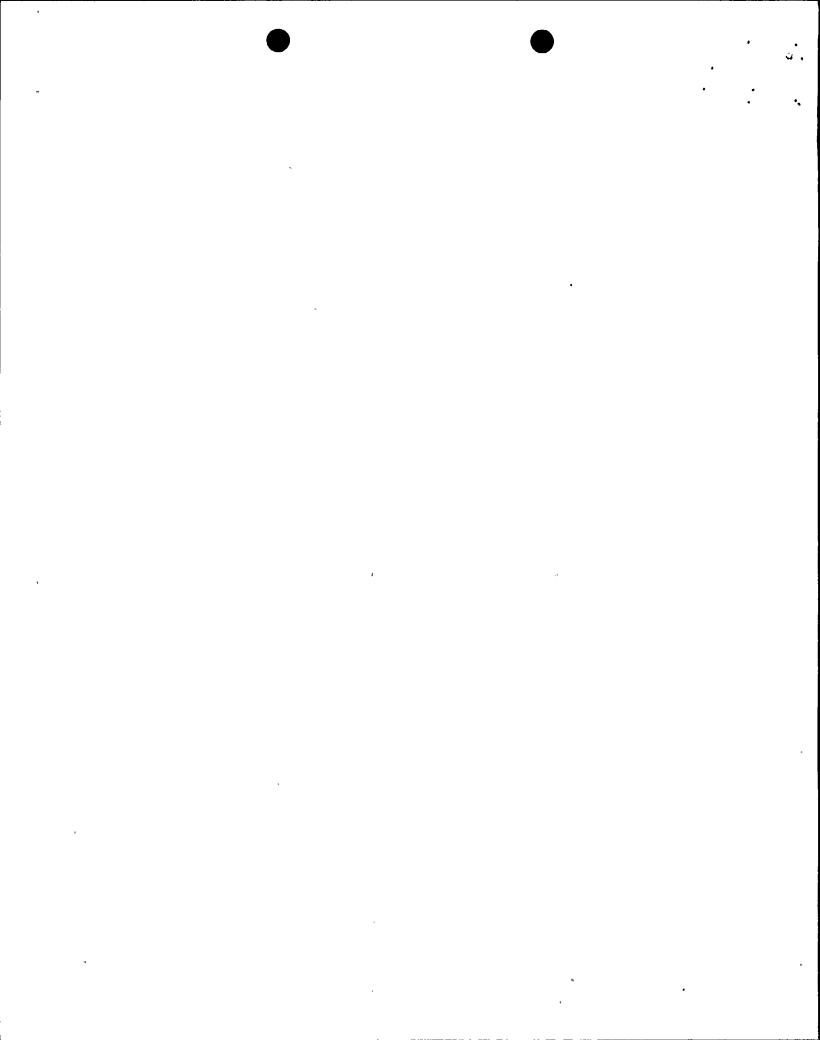
Sincerely,

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Enclosure: As stated

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