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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-275/94-08; 50-323/94-08

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. P. Narbut on February 28, March 1 and 8, 1994. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the report. In followup to Inspection Report 50-275/93-36, 50-323/93-36, the inspection further reviewed PG&E's activities performed in response to Generic Letter 89-13, "Service Water System Problems Affecting Safety-Related Equipment," issued on July 18, 1989. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, three apparent violations were identified and are being considered for escalated enforcement action in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions" (Enforcement Policy), 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C. The apparent violations involve: (1) the failure to implement adequate design control measures to assure that the specifications and procedures associated with the Component Cooling Water Heat Exchangers maintained the system design basis for maximum system temperature, (2) the failure to provide complete and accurate information to the NRC regarding the results of the testing of these heat exchangers, and (3) the failure to identify the cause and take timely corrective action for the failure of CCW Heat Exchanger 1-2 to meet the test acceptance criteria for heat exchanger capacity on February 2, 1991. Accordingly, no Notice of Violation is presently being issued for these

inspection findings. In addition, please be advised that the number and characterization of apparent violations described in the enclosed inspection report may change as a result of further NRC review.

An enforcement conference to discuss these apparent violations has been scheduled for March 23, 1994. This enforcement conference will be open to public observation in accordance with the Commission's trial program as discussed in the enclosed Federal Register notice (Enclosure 2). The decision to hold an enforcement conference does not mean that the NRC has determined that a violation has occurred or that enforcement action will be taken. The purposes of this conference are to discuss the apparent violations, their causes and safety significance; to provide you the opportunity to point out any errors in our inspection report; and to provide an opportunity for you to present your proposed corrective actions. In addition, this is an opportunity for you to provide any information concerning your perspectives on 1) the severity of the violations, 2) the application of the factors that the NRC considers when it determines the amount of a civil penalty that may be assessed in accordance with Section VI.B.2 of the Enforcement Policy, and 3) any other application of the Enforcement Policy to this case, including the exercise of discretion in accordance with Section VII. You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations on this matter. No response regarding these apparent violations is required at this time.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. Inspection Report 50-275/94-08; 50-323/94-08

2. Federal Register Notice

cc w/enclosures:

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