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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-275/99-10; 50-323/99-10

Dear Mr. Rueger:

This refers to the inspection conducted on May 29 through July 10, 1999, at the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, facility. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection.

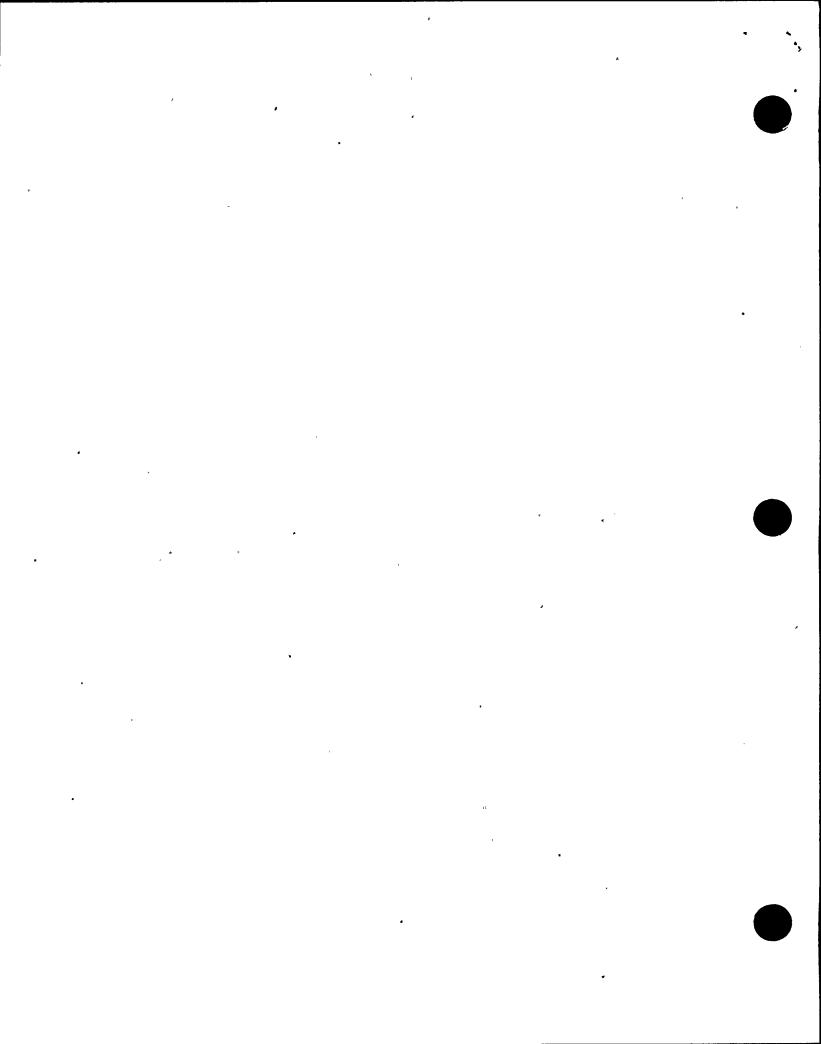
During the 6-week period covered by this inspection period, your conduct of activities at the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant facility was generally characterized by safety-conscious operations, sound engineering and maintenance practices, and good radiation protection support.

Section M8.1 of this inspection report discusses an issue in which Diesel Engine Generator 1-1 was degraded for 18 days because of a loose terminal lug. Engineers used unverified assumptions in determining the initial cause of failure of the diesel generator to achieve rated voltage in the required time. In addition, Operations work control personnel deferred a system engineering request for accelerated testing for 2 weeks despite a system engineering concern that an intermittent fault existed within Diesel Engine Generator 1-1. This issue revealed weaknesses in your corrective action program and interdepartmental communications.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that four Severity Level IV violations of NRC requirements occurred. These violations are being treated as noncited violations, consistent with Appendix C of the Enforcement Policy. These noncited violations are described in the subject inspection report. If you contest the violation or severity level of these noncited violations, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555-0001, with copies to the Regional Administrator, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region IV, 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 400, Arlington, Texas 76011, the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; and the NRC Resident Inspector at the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, facility.

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

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

Sincerely,

Ken E. Brockman, Director Division of Reactor Projects

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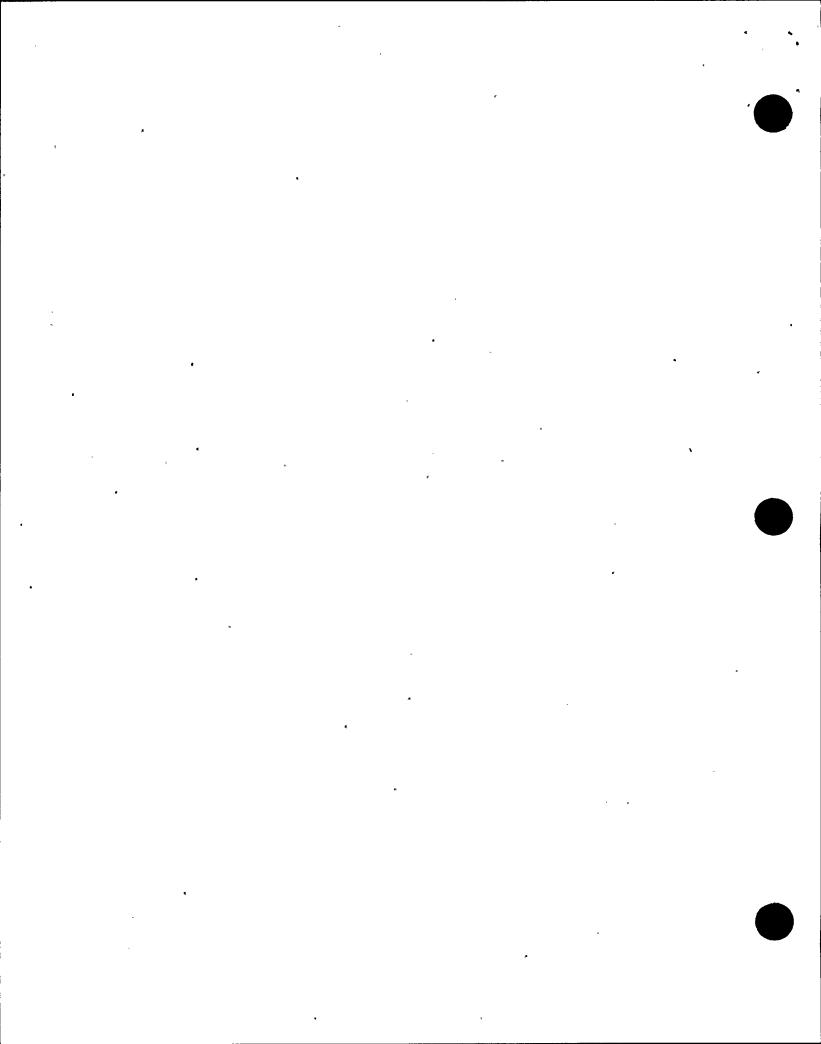
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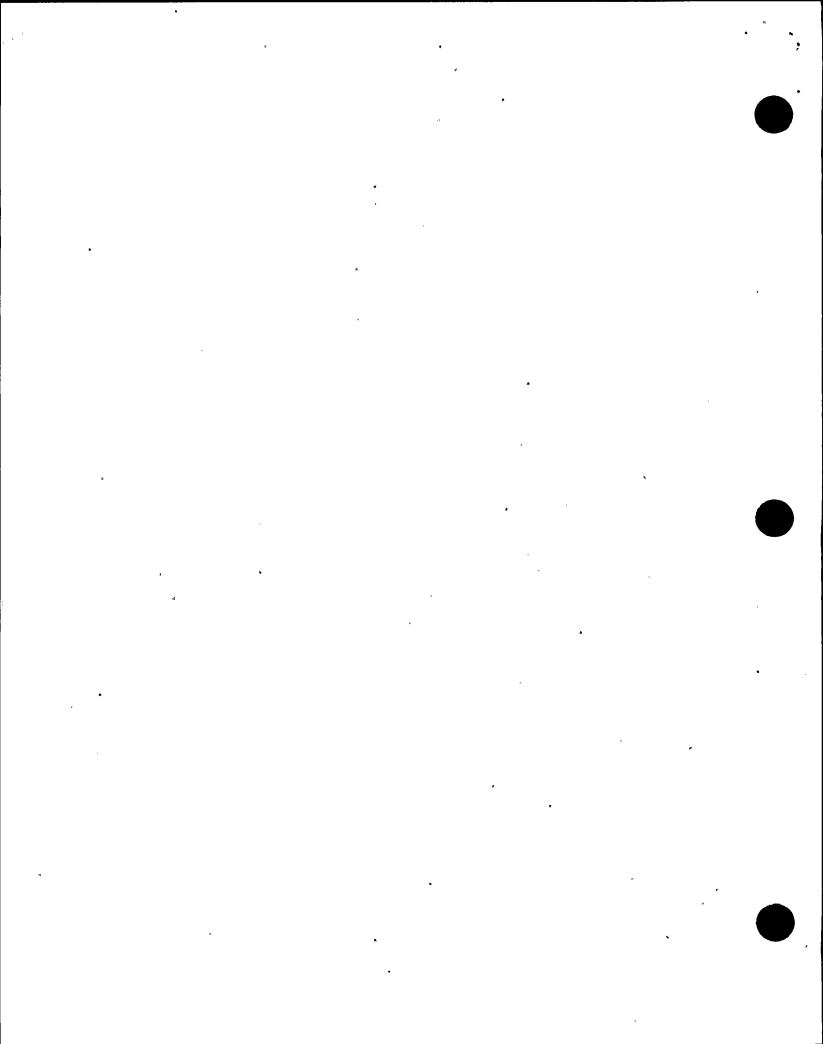
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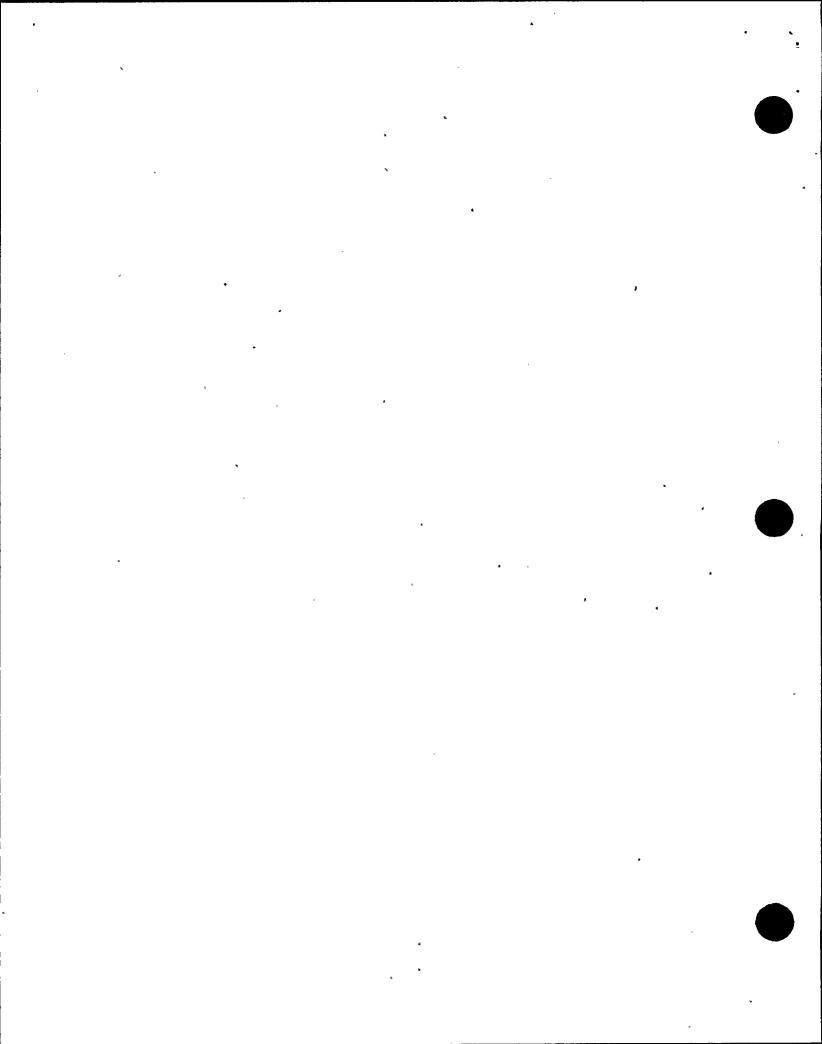
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