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Docket No. 50-275, OL-DPR-80
Docket No. 50-323, OL-DPR-82
Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2
<u>License Amendment Request 94-10</u>
Request for Exigent Review of Change to Technical Specification 3/4.8.1.1 <u>Emergency Diesel Generator Fuel Oil Requirements</u>

## Gentlemen:

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.90 and 50.91(a)(6), enclosed is an application for a license amendment, under exigent circumstances, to specify an alternate method of determining water and sediment content for new diesel fuel oil as specified in Technical Specification (TS) 3/4.8.1.1, "A.C. Sources - Operating."

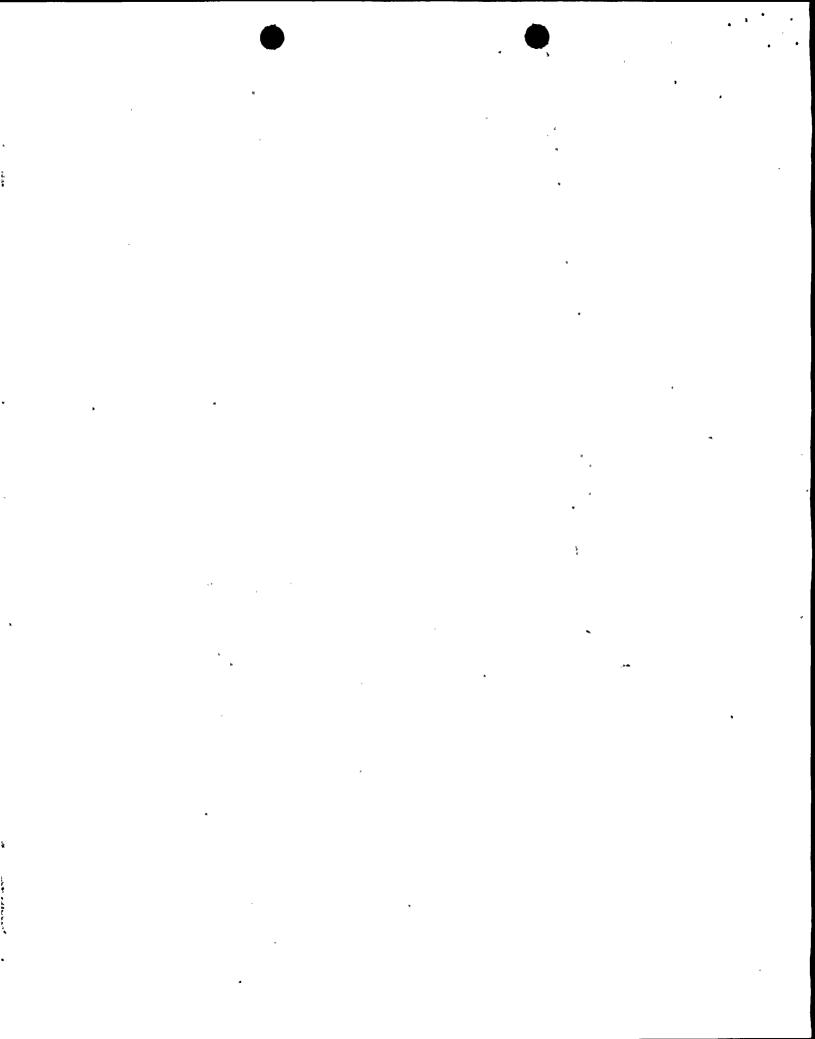
Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) currently uses undyed number 2 diesel fuel oil that contains intermediate levels of sulfur and aromatics. Recently, the local fuel supplier unexpectedly discontinued production of this fuel oil. This fuel may be available from other suppliers outside of the State of California, however, its availability cannot be assured. Based on current emergency diesel generator (EDG) testing schedules, it is expected that fuel oil will need to be added to the main fuel oil storage tanks by approximately October 1, 1994, to meet minimum storage requirements.

Environmental Protection Agency and Internal Revenue Service regulations require fuel not intended for use in motor vehicles to be dyed. The two reliable fuels that could be used at DCPP are: (1) dyed number 2 diesel fuel oil; or (2) undyed California Air Resources Board (CARB) number 2 diesel fuel oil intended for use in motor vehicles. PG&E is still evaluating the acceptability of using CARB fuel. PG&E's evaluation of the dyed fuel concludes it is acceptable for use in the EDGs. Consequently, PG&E desires to have the option of using dyed fuel.

TS 4.8.1.1.3c.1)d) currently requires that new diesel fuel oil have a "clear and bright appearance with proper color" when tested in accordance with

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ASTM D4176-82. The ASTM D4176-82 "clear and bright" test is a qualitative test for evaluating water and sediment content. TS 4.8.1.1.3c.1)d) is required to be changed to allow the use of dyed fuel. This LAR would change this requirement to also allow the use of a quantitative measurement of water and sediment content in accordance with ASTM D1796-83.

Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.90 and 50.91(a)(6), PG&E requests that the NRC grant a license amendment on an exigent basis to allow the use of dyed number 2 diesel fuel oil.

Sincerely,

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