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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-275/96-19; 50-323/96-19 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Rueger:

A special NRC inspection was conducted August 5-9, 1996, at your Diablo Canyon Power Plant, Units 1 and 2 reactor facilities. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection.

During this inspection, your conduct of activities at the Diablo Canyon Power Plant facility was generally characterized by safety-conscious operations. However, two violations of NRC requirements were identified. In the first instance, procedures controlling high voltage grounding devices (ground buggies) were not followed. We are particularly concerned that corrective actions implemented in response to the October 1995 failure event of Auxiliary Transformer 1-1 did not prevent this violation. In the second instance, refueling outage clearances were not approved by the shift foreman, as required by administrative procedures. Furthermore, the shift foreman's clearance approval authority was delegated to another senior reactor operator without documenting the delegation as required by administrative procedures. Consequently, approvals for clearance activities were routinely executed by an unauthorized person.

These violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice), and the circumstances surrounding the violations are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosure(s), and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction.

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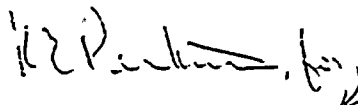


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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



J. E. Dyer, Director
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Docket Nos.: 50-275
50-323
License Nos: DPR-80
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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report
50-275/96-19; 50-323/96-19


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