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Docket Nos. 50-275 and 50-323

Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
77 Beale Street, Room 1451  
San Francisco, California 94106

Attention: Mr. J. D. Shiffer, Vice President  
Nuclear Power Generation

Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Inspection of Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2

This refers to the routine inspection conducted by Messrs. P. P. Narbut and K. E. Johnston during the period of July 17 through September 3, 1988. This inspection examined your activities as authorized by NRC License Nos. DPR-80 and DPR-82. At the conclusion of the inspection, discussions of their findings were held with Mr. J. D. Townsend, and other members of your staff.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors. No violations of NRC requirements were identified within the scope of this inspection.

However, the inspection findings did identify several problems that should be addressed. First, the problems identified in I&C procedure backlog indicate that some corrective actions have not been timely, such that (1) a preventable containment ventilation isolation event occurred and (2) there is skepticism among I&C personnel as to PG&E's ability to deal with problems, particularly the Quality Hotline. Although good individual performance was demonstrated, that is, an I&C technician avoided a potential reactor trip; there appears to be a continuing problem which should be addressed.

Secondly, Our review of Licensee Event Report 1-88-024, "Failure to Meet Technical Specification Limiting Condition for Operation for an Inoperable Reactor Protection Instrument Channel Due to Personnel Error," as documented in Paragraph 9.d. of the enclosure, found that the root cause analysis and corrective actions identified were considered to be unacceptable. This topic has been discussed between your staff and the senior resident inspector on September 12, 1988. As a result of this conversation a commitment was made to provide a revision to the LER to clarify the root cause analysis and provide more specific corrective actions. Additionally, this is an unresolved item and your evaluation as to the technical significance should be included in your revision to the LER. Therefore, this letter acknowledges your commitment for a revision and urges a timely response.

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Finally, there were two trips during this inspection period (Paragraphs 4.i and 4.j of the report) which could have been prevented, if there had been appropriate prioritization and resolution of problems. We understand that you have initiated a study of the problems, and we look forward to your conclusions and findings in this area.

Therefore, we request that you provide your evaluation of these conditions and your planned corrective actions within 45 days of the date of this letter.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 (a), a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

*Original signed*

R. P. Zimmerman, Chief Reactor  
Projects Branch

Enclosures: Inspection Report Nos. 50-275/88-21 and 50-323/88-19

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