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General Comment

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to provide comments to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on best practices for community engagement panels in the areas surrounding nuclear power plants that have ceased operations and have begun the decommissioning process.

Southern California Edison has hosted several Community Engagement Panel (CEP) meetings to keep the community surrounding the shuttered San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station apprised of the current operations of the plant. While these meetings are very beneficial to the community members, we think it is important to point out some key components each meeting should include. These items are: the facility being accessible to all members of the community, easy and ample parking (free of charge), ensure plenty of seating for all those who attend, and the ability to have an easy setup for audio visual capabilities.

We would also like to see a rule to ensure the CEP meetings are kept in close proximity to the population who would be interested in the decommissioning of the plants. A suggestion would be for the meeting locations to be located in the Emergency Planning Zones (EPZ) around each plant. If the EPZ does not include a facility large enough to accommodate a CEP meeting, then the location should not be more than a 30 minute drive from the plant.

The CEP meetings should be scheduled at times when the highest population would be available to attend. These times are usually in the evening hours and the meeting should allow for ample time to commute from a work location to the meeting. If the plant is located in an area with a high population, commute times can be very long during peak commute times.

The CEP meetings should not be limited to a set number of meetings such as ten. The decommissioning process can vary greatly by each plant and a set number might not be sufficient. It would be nice to see the plant owners pushed to host quarterly CEP meetings until the decommissioning process has been completed or the NRC no longer is required for oversight.

The personnel who make up the CEP should be comprised of key members of the community from the EPZ. We think it is important to include members from local government (City/County/State), a representative from each emergency planning partner surrounding the plant, representatives from local environmental groups, anti-nuclear groups, local law



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enforcement and fire response agencies, any school districts located within the EPZ, and special interest groups who have a stake in the operations of the plant.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this item.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donna Boston", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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