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Attention: Mr. R. H. Engelken, Director

Docket No. 50-206
San Onofre Unit 1

Dear Sir:

This letter describes a reportable occurrence involving the loss of fish impingement data during the heat treatment of the circulating water intake tunnels. Environmental Technical Specification 5.6.3 b(3) requires a report within thirty days in the event the data is not obtained and cannot be replaced.

On August 5, 1979, the station began a scheduled circulating water intake tunnel heat treatment. Personnel responsible for obtaining fish impingement data, as required by ETS 3.1.2 a(2)A, were not notified of the heat treatment nor was their presence on site confirmed. Once the fish basket is emptied, the data pertaining to the number, size, condition and reproductive state of all fish species entrapped is lost and is irretrievable.

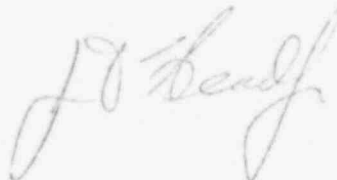The following corrective actions have been taken to prevent recurrence:

1. Appropriate procedures are being revised, and a new procedure is being prepared to notify and verify that the personnel responsible for the data collection are on site before the heat treatments begin. It is anticipated that procedure preparation and revision will be completed by September 30, 1979.

2. Cognizant personnel have been made aware of the requirements, and the necessity has been stressed to ensure that fish impingement data will be collected during scheduled heat treatments.

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Should you require additional information on this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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