



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION V

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August 31, 1979

Docket No. 50-312

Sacramento Municipal Utility District
P. O. Box 15830
Sacramento, California 95830

Attention: W. C. Walbridge
General Manager

Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Inspection - Rancho Seco

This letter refers to the inspection of your activities authorized under NRC License No. DPR-54 conducted by Messrs. E. J. Power, D. Schaefer and M. D. Schuster of this office on July 16-20, 1979. It also refers to the discussion of our inspection findings held by the inspectors with P. Oubre and members of his staff on July 20, 1979.

The inspection included examination of activities related to physical protection against industrial sabotage and against theft of special nuclear material in accordance with applicable requirements of Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 73, "Physical Protection of Plants and Materials," your Security Plan, and license conditions pertaining to physical protection as described in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and records, interviews with facility personnel and observations by the inspectors.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. The items of noncompliance are categorized into the level as described in our correspondence to all NRC licensees dated December 31, 1974.

This notice is sent to you pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Section 2.201 requires you to submit to this office within 20 days of your receipt of this notice, a written statement of explanation in reply, including: (1) steps which have been or will be taken by you to correct the violation, and the results achieved; (2) steps which will be taken to avoid further violations; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved.

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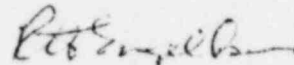
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The findings during this inspection revealed instances of noncompliance regarding designated vehicles which are repetitive or similar to those which had been identified during previous NRC inspections. Reference is made to NRC Inspections 50-312/77-10, 77-15 and 78-12. The actions taken to date have not been sufficiently extensive or timely to prevent recurrence. In addition to your response to the apparent specific items of noncompliance, please provide a written explanation of action you plan to take to preclude such repetitive citations.

In accordance with Section 2.790(d) of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, documentation of findings of your control and accounting procedures for safeguarding special nuclear materials and your facility security procedures are exempt from disclosure; therefore, Appendix A to this letter, the inspection report, and your response to the items listed in Appendix A will not be placed in the Public Document Room and will receive limited distribution.

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

Sincerely,



R. H. Engelken
Director

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report
No. 50-312/79-12 (IE-V-320)

cc w/enclosures: (w/o attachments)
P. Oubre, SMUD
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