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Southern California Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. William H. Seaman
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Gentlemen:

This is in regard to your request for approval of routes to be used for shipments of spent fuel from San Onofre Unit 1 to the General Electric storage facility at Morris, Illinois as contained in your letter of July 13, 1979.

Each of the routes proposed in your request passes through several areas defined in NUREG-0561 as heavily populated. Under 10 CFR 73.37 such areas must be avoided if a practicable alternative route is available. In the absence of a detailed analysis regarding the impracticability of avoiding these heavily populated areas, an approval for the use of your proposed routes can not be granted.

Please re-evaluate your proposal relative to by-passing the areas listed in NUREG-0561. If you are unable to identify practicable alternatives, documentation regarding the reasons why should be submitted to the NRC. Also, it is suggested that consideration be given to the feasibility of using an alternative mode of transport.

Sincerely,

George W. McCorkle
George W. McCorkle, Chief
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