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Docket No. 50-312

Sacramento Municipal Utility District
P. O. Box 15830
Sacramento, California 95813

Attention: Mr. John J. Mattimoe
Assistant General Manager
and Chief Engineer

Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Inspection - Rancho Seco

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. Harvey L. Canter of this office on October 1-31, 1979, of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-54, and to the discussion of our findings held by Mr. Canter with Mr. Pierre Oubre and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the enclosed inspection report. Within this area, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that one of your activities was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. This item of noncompliance has been categorized into a level as described in our correspondence to all NRC licensees dated December 31, 1974. The information in Appendix A relates to your physical security program, and therefore, is exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Accordingly, Appendix A will not be placed in the Public Document Room.

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 twenty (20) days of your receipt of this notice, a written statement or explanation in reply including (1) corrective steps which have been taken by you and the results achieved; (2) corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response should be prepared so that information which relates to your physical security program is included in a separate enclosure since this information will not be placed in the Public Document Room.

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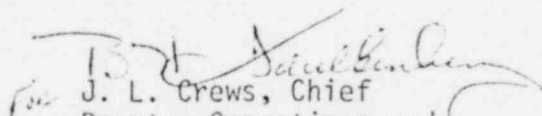
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The findings during this inspection reveal an apparent item of noncompliance, regarding failure to secure a vital area, which is repetitive or similar to items of noncompliance that have been identified during previous NRC inspections. Reference is made to NRC Inspections 50-312/78-09, 50-312/78-13, 50-312/78-14, and 50-312/79-19. When viewed collectively, our recent inspection findings show that, while actions have been initiated by the Sacramento Municipal Utility District to upgrade the security operations of the Rancho Seco Plant, the actions taken to date have not been sufficient to prevent apparent recurrences of similar items of noncompliance with NRC requirements. In addition to your response to the apparent item of noncompliance identified in Appendix A, please provide us a written explanation of the steps you plan to take to assure that additional items of noncompliance do not occur regarding failure to control access into vital areas.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you submit a written application to this office, within 20 days of the date of this letter, requesting that such information be withheld from public disclosure. The application must include a full statement of the reasons why it is claimed that the information is proprietary. The application should be prepared so that any proprietary information identified is contained in an enclosure to the application, since the application without the enclosure will also be placed in the Public Document Room. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,


J. L. Crews, Chief
Reactor Operations and
Nuclear Support Branch

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation - Appendix A
2. IE Inspection Report
No. 50-312/79-23

cc w/o Enclosure B:
R. J. Rodriguez, SMUD
L. G. Schwieger, SMUD

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