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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
Attention: Mr. Robert W. Reid, Chief  
Operating Reactors, Branch 4  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: Docket 50-312  
Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating  
Station, Unit 1

Dear Mr. Reid:

The May 15, 1980 letter to NRC by John J. Mattimoe of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) provided a scope and schedule for a new seismic assessment of the Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station.

We would appreciate receiving copies of any correspondence between NRC and SMUD as this seismic investigation proceeds. Also, we feel it would be appropriate for NRC to have a meeting with SMUD in California with our attendance midway in the investigation. This would provide an opportunity for us to review the progress of the studies and to present our expertise in reviewing the seismic data.

We suggest that our "Special Publication 54, Technical Review of the Seismic Safety of the Auburn Dam site, May 1979" be referenced when assessing the Foothills Fault system. The Division staff will be glad to provide assistance to NRC and SMUD during this investigation.

Please contact us if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James F. Davis".

James F. Davis  
State Geologist

cc: Priscilla C. Grew

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