

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION REGION V

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November 8, 1989

Docket No. 50-312

Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station Sacramento Municipal Utility District 14440 Twin Cities Road Herald, California 95638-9799

Attention: Mr. Dan R. Keuter

Assistant General Manager.

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Dear Mr. Keuter:

Subject: NRC Examinations at Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station

On September 5 - 15, 1989, the NRC administered examinations to employees of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District to operate your Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station.

As a result of this examination eight Senior Reactor Operator candidates and six Reactor Operator candidates were found to meet the minimum qualification requirements for licensing.

At the conclusion of the examination on September 15, 1989, the examination process and associated licensing issues were discussed with members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

During the examination, our Chief Examiner was informed that the training organization had been drastically reduced in size from over 70 to a staff of four. During a meeting at NRC headquarters on October 11, 1989, you stated that the existing Rancho Seco licensed operator training program was accredited by INPO. However, as part of the plant closure process, you proposed to terminate the INPO affiliation but continue an in-house training program which would be comparable to the existing, accredited program. Please clarify these apparent inconsistencies in your training capabilities and advise us in writing of your plans to ensure that an effective requalification program is maintained. As you are aware a fully effective requalification program is currently required for your facility pursuant to 10 CFR 55.59.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and enclosures (1), (2), (3) and (4) will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. Enclosure (5) is personal Privacy Information and will be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with 10 CFR 9.5(a)(6).

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Mr. Dan R. Keuter

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Should you have any questions concerning this examination report, please contact me or L. Miller (415-943-3869) of my staff.

Sincerely,

Alfred E. Chaffee, Deputy Director Division of Reactor Safety and Projects

Enclosures:

1. Examination Report No. 50-312/0L-89-01

2. Resolution of Facility Comments

3. Facility Comments

4. Written Examinations and Answer Keys (SRO and RO)

5. Examination Results Summary Sheet

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