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Mr. R. H. Engelken, Director
Region V Office of Inspection & Enforcement
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1990 North California Boulevard
Walnut Creek Plaza, Suite 202
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Re: Operating License DPR-54
Docket No. 50-312
Reportable Occurrence 80-10

Dear Mr. Engelken:

In accordance with Technical Specifications for Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station, Section 6.9.4.2c and Regulatory Guide 1.16, Revision 4, Section C.2.b(3), the Sacramento Municipal Utility District is hereby submitting a thirty-day report of Reportable Occurrence 80-10.

Technical Specifications Section 3.11 places specific restrictions on the operation of the Reactor Building polar crane and auxiliary hoist. The bases for the specifications state that the restrictions are to preclude the dropping of materials or equipment into the reactor vessel, possibly damaging fuel assemblies. As a safety margin, the limit boundaries are extended to the fuel transfer canal.

On February 13, 1980, it was reported that the polar crane, lifting a seven-ton transfer cask carrying removed incore monitors, was moved over the Reactor Building upender area. At that time, the upenders contained both an irradiated fuel assembly and a new fuel assembly.

Refueling personnel immediately lowered the upenders and ran the carriages into the transfer tubes. Then the individuals directing the crane operation were instructed to move the polar crane and set the cask back into the incore area. There were no adverse effects as a result of this occurrence. However, the lift of the cask was in violation of Technical Specifications Section 3.11.1, and thus constitutes a Reportable Occurrence.

As corrective action for this occurrence, the procedure, M.30, which controls the incore monitor handling and disposal has been revised to include

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specific cautions when use of the crane is required. This will assure that the individual directing the incore monitor disposal will be cognizant of the restrictions placed upon use of the crane.

There were no transients associated with this event.

Respectfully submitted,



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