



**SMUD**

SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT □ 6201 S Street, Box 15830, Sacramento, California 95813; (916) 452-3211



June 1, 1981

DIRECTOR OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION  
ATTENTION DARRELL G EISENHUT DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF LICENSING  
U S NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON D C 20555

DOCKET 50-312  
RANCHO SECO NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION  
UNIT NO 1  
STATION BLACKOUT EVENTS

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District has reviewed your letter of February 25, 1981, requesting our review of plant operating and emergency procedures and operator training for station blackout events.

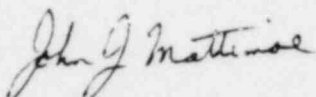
At the time Rancho Seco Unit No. 1 was licensed, a total loss of all AC power was not considered as a design basis for the plant. A discussion is presented in the Final Safety Analysis Report of this hypothetical event to show that the environmental effects of this accident are acceptable. Since this event is not a design basis accident, the District does not feel it is proper to have specific procedures or to train operators in a prescribed course of action for this event. Depending upon the cause of this event and concurrent plant conditions, we feel strongly that the licensed plant operators should have the prerogative of pursuing a course of action appropriate for the specific event. We feel that training in the areas of emergency systems and power distribution systems, including operation of the emergency diesel generators, is adequate to allow the operators to determine a proper course of action. We also feel that training is adequate for the operators to properly remove decay heat by natural circulation, using the steam-driven auxiliary feedwater pump.

8106090 440  
F

*AOIS  
5/10*

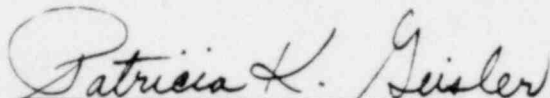
June 1, 1981

The District is aware of the NRC staff review of Unresolved Safety Issue A-44. If the results of this study indicate that modifications should be made to our plant design or operator training, we will, of course, reevaluate our present position.



John J Mattimoe  
Assistant General Manager  
and Chief Engineer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
1st day of June, 1981.



Notary Public

