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February 20, 1981

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
Walnut Creek, CA 94596



Re: Operating License DPR-54
Docket No. 50-312
Special Report

Dear Mr. Engelken:

In accordance with Technical Specifications for Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station, Section 6.9.5E, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District is hereby submitting a special report concerning the status of inoperable fire protection equipment.

On February 6, 1981, the automatic initiation logic for the motor-driven fire pump, P-440, was defeated. The pump, located at the plant cooling water intake structure, normally has its suction end submerged. However, during the present refueling outage, the circulating water system, cooling tower basins and associated intake structures have been drained. These were drained to facilitate cleaning of the cooling tower basins and effect repairs to the circulating water intake canal. Since suction for the pump is not immediately available, the automatic initiation was defeated to preclude an auto-start which would result in equipment damage.

The diesel-driven fire pump, P-996, which takes suction from the canal-reservoir pipeline (independent of the circulating water system), is fully operable. Additionally, the motor-driven pump, although its auto-start capability is defeated, can be placed in service manually if necessary. A Special Order has been written with specific instructions on manually placing the pump in service with the circulating water system drained. This Special Order to operations personnel will remain in effect until repairs have been completed, the circulating water system is filled and the automatic initiation logic is restored to the pump.

Assuming no unforeseen delays, the pump should be fully operable no later than March 31, 1981.

Respectfully submitted,

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