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Docket No. 50-312

Sacramento Municipal Utility District
P. O. Box 15830
Sacramento, California 95813

Attention: R. J. Rodriguez
Executive Director for Nuclear Operations

Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Inspection

This refers to the routine inspection conducted by Mr. M. Cillis of this office on April 11-15, 1983 of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-54, and to the discussion of our findings held by Mr. Cillis with you and other members of your staff at the conclusion of this inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A.

Your response to this Notice is to be submitted in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201 as stated in Appendix A, Notice of Violation.

The findings of this inspection as identified in the enclosed Notice of Violation and Inspection Report indicate to us an apparent need for additional management attention at the Rancho Seco facility. We are concerned by the apparent reduction in the efficacy of the radiation protection program as demonstrated by the failure of both the production and radiation protection staffs to follow and enforce established procedures. We recognize the problems attendant to a major outage such as you are presently undergoing. Further we have noted your efforts to appropriately prepare for the expected level of activity through temporary increases in radiation protection staffing. However, we believe that the level of secondary system contamination and the demands this imposed on your staff may not have been

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fully anticipated. Accordingly, in addition to your reply to the attached Notice of Violation, you should describe those actions taken or planned to improve the overall effectiveness of your management control system with respect to improving the effectiveness of the radiation protection program. Further you should address the level of radiation protection staffing in the light of the unexpected demands imposed by conditions discovered as the outage progressed. We will review your reply to this letter and the Notice of Violation in determining whether further action by our office may be necessary.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room unless you notify this office, by telephone, within ten days of the date of this letter and submit written application to withhold information contained therein within thirty days of the date of this letter. Such application must be consistent with the requirements of 2.790(b)(1).

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be glad to discuss them with you.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
L. R. Norderhaug

R. A. Scarano, Director
Division of Radiological Safety
and Safeguards Programs

Enclosures:

- A. Notice of Violation
 - B. Inspection Report
- No. 50-312/83-12

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