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In the Matter of
Southern California Edison Company
(San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 2 and 3)
Docket Nos. 50-361 OL, 50-362 OL

Dear Members of the Board:

The Licensing Board, in its Partial Initial Decision issued on January 11, 1982, conditioned its Order authorizing issuance of an operating license permitting the loading of fuel and low-power testing (up to five percent of rated power) for Unit 2, by directing the Staff to confirm by inspection and report to the Licensing Board that the Applicants' Emergency Plan will be in effect prior to the first fuel loading activities, including complete implementing procedures and accomplishment of all required training (P.I.D. at 239). The Staff conducted an inspection on January 26-28, 1982.

The inspection called for is of a type routinely performed by the NRC's Office of Inspection and Enforcement prior to authorizing fuel loading and start-up activities and is traditionally left to the Staff to perform without further Board review. However, notwithstanding our view on the propriety of the Board's requirement, the attached report, concluding that there is an adequate state of emergency preparedness at Units 2 and 3 for the loading of fuel and low-power testing (up to five percent of rated power) of Unit 2, is submitted in satisfaction of the condition imposed.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: As stated

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