

May 19, 1982

Docket No. 50-361  
and 50-362

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Dear Mr. Perry:

This will confirm our phone conversation yesterday regarding the San Onofre Licensing Board's May 14, 1982 Order, copy attached, requesting comments from the parties on five questions concerning the adequacy of siren coverage in San Clemente. Questions 1-4 require your input; question 5 requires our joint consideration. A copy of the April 26, 1982 letter from Mayor Mecham of San Clemente which prompted the Board's inquiry is also enclosed.

In order to assure that responses are in the Licensing Board's hands by June 1st (as called for), please provide your answers (to Questions 1-4) in affidavit form to me not later than May 26th.

Also enclosed for your information is a copy of the Licensing Board's May 14th Initial Decision resolving the full-power emergency preparedness contentions. This Decision authorizes the issuance of full-power operating licenses for San Onofre Units 2 and 3 subject to a number of conditions.

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siren adequacy, pending receipt of comments from the parties, and the City of San Clemente, on the following questions:

1. Are the sirens as presently installed consistent with their description by the Applicants in the record? Do they meet the planning standards of 10 CFR § 50.47(b)(5) and Appendix E, Part D.3?
2. If not, how and where are the siren signals deficient? Would the alternate means of notification referred to in ¶ G 11 of our decision compensate for any such differences?
3. Can and will any such deficiencies be remedied?
4. How would installation of a NOAA-type radio system or a cable-vision override system improve notification capabilities for San Onofre? Would the proposed EBS system serve essentially the same purpose as cablevision override? In this regard, is San Clemente concerned only with people who may not hear a siren because they are watching television?
5. In the light of your comments, what action, if any, should this Board take?

San Clemente is not a party to this on-the-record proceeding, although they could have petitioned to intervene long before this. It is late in the day for this Board to be looking at this question again. It would be unfair to the Applicants to allow this matter to drag on indefinitely without a resolution. Comments of the parties and the City of San Clemente must be

in our hands no later than June 1, 1982. We expect to determine what further action we should take, if any, by June 10, 1982.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING  
BOARD

  
James L. Kelley, Chairman  
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

May 14, 1982,

Bethesda, Maryland.



## CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE

April 26, 1982

Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Governor Brown

This letter is directed to you in reference to the licensing of San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Units 2 and 3, Docket No. 50-361, 50-362. We are requesting that this correspondence be made part of the official record of all agencies involved in the evaluation of licensing criteria for the nuclear power plant. Several months ago, we completed the installation of a number of sirens in our community in order to comply with a Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirement for notification, alerting, and warning of the public within fifteen minutes. The sirens have been tested and evaluated by both Southern California Edison Company and the city staff. In a resolution adopted on March 18, 1982, the City Council found the present siren system inadequate to meet the fifteen-minute criterion. Both the Edison Company and city staff reports indicate that a single warning system does not provide adequate coverage to the area.

Throughout our discussions with the utility company regarding the installation of siren equipment, the City took the position that the alert warning system must be multi-channelled in order to overcome the problems created by every day ambient noise conditions. Early on in our discussions, we requested the use of a NOAA-type radio system which is an early warning weather system used in the southern part of the country at two or three nuclear plant facilities. At that time we were informed by the utility company that the NRC would not allow that system. Subsequently, communications established the fact that this is not true; the NOAA-type system is allowed by the NRC.

Another alternative proposed by staff is the installation of a cablevision override system. This system allows emergency service personnel to transmit an alert and warning message over all

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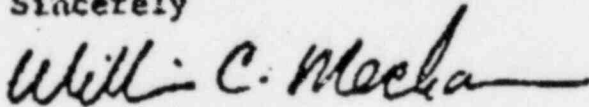
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television channels simultaneously. We believe this system would resolve a lot of the problems associated with people who claim they were not able to hear the sirens over their televisions.

We have been entirely unsuccessful in getting the utility company to comply with our request. The City Council of the city of San Clemente is, therefore, requesting that your agency address the issue of an adequate alert and warning system for the public within the ten-mile Emergency Planning Zone around the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station prior to issuing the final license for Units 2 and 3 of that facility.

Sincerely



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Mayor

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