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Docket No. 50-312
EA 82-37

Sacramento Municipal Utility District
ATTN: W. C. Walbridge
General Manager
P.O. Box 15830
Sacramento, CA 95813

Gentlemen:

On February 12, 1982 I issued a Notice of Violation to the Sacramento Municipal Utility District for failure to comply with 10 CFR 50.54(s)(2) and Appendix E of 10 CFR Part 50 of the Commission's regulations. Specifically, you were required by February 1, 1982 to install and initially test a system for alerting and providing prompt instruction to the public within the plume exposure pathway emergency planning zone of the Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station. The letter enclosing the Notice stated that civil penalties may be proposed for failure to complete the required initial testing by March 1, 1982.

Your letter of May 5, 1982 informed the Commission that you complied with the above requirement on April 30, 1982 thereby admitting the violation. However, as a result of deficiencies found during your installation and testing, you have deactivated the system and are now in the process of correcting the deficiencies. We also note that the findings of a recent Region V inspection (Insp. Rept. 50-312/82-23, June 23, 1982) indicate you had not clearly demonstrated that your prompt notification system was operational in that none of the counties involved had completed training on the encoders. In fact, responsible officials of one county did not even realize that you had provided encoder instructions for their use. Your responsibility includes taking actions to assure that appropriate training has been accomplished by the counties so that the system may be operated in a proper manner.

Your letter of May 5, 1982 also requested that civil penalties not be proposed. We have not yet made our decision on the civil penalty issue. Aside from the civil penalty action, it is our understanding as indicated above that you are in the process of correcting the deficiencies found during the initial testing and installation. Therefore, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(f) please submit to me a written statement as to the status of the operability of your prompt notification system and your basis for your conclusion that you have a mechanism in place that meets the requirements of Section IV(D)(3) of Appendix E to 10 CFR Part 50. This report shall be submitted at least one week prior to startup from the current outage, which began on April 2, 1982. If we do not find reasonable assurance that there exists a prompt notification system that meets the requirements, we will consider whether operation of your facility will be permitted.

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Sincerely,

Original Signed By
R. C. DeYoung
Richard C. DeYoung, Director
Office of Inspection and Enforcement

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