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Administrative Judges:

Alan S. Rosenthal, Chairman  
Dr. John H. Buck  
Christine N. Kohl

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In the Matter of )

SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT) )

Docket No. 50-312 SP

(Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating )  
Station) )  
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ORDER

September 30, 1982

On January 18, 1982, SMUD submitted to the NRC staff for its review a revised reliability analysis of proposed modifications to its auxiliary feedwater system (AFW). In an earlier affidavit, the staff committed to review this analysis and indicated that it would apprise us of its evaluation. Affidavit of Ernest D. Sylvester (December 4, 1981) at 3, 4. By letter dated August 18, 1982, the staff has now informed us that the Brookhaven National Laboratory, under contract, is scheduled to review the SMUD reliability analysis by today, September 30, and that the staff intends to complete its subsequent review before SMUD installs the proposed AFW modifications at the next refueling outage (January 1983).

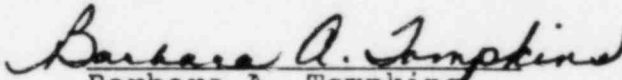
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Although the staff states in its letter (at 2) that completion of its review "is not necessary at this time," we disagree. We believe that prompt staff evaluation of the reliability analysis is essential to the completion of our sua sponte review in this case. It is also desirable for the staff's evaluation to be completed substantially in advance of the installation of the AFW modifications scheduled for the first of the year. We therefore request the staff to inform us of the results of its reviews of the reliability analysis and the Brookhaven report by December 1, 1982. <sup>1/</sup> We also ask the staff to provide us with one copy of the Brookhaven report as soon as it is received.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE APPEAL BOARD

  
Barbara A. Tompkins  
Secretary to the  
Appeal Board

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<sup>1/</sup> We expect the staff's review to address specifically SMUD's asserted failure to meet the guidelines of Standard Review Plan 10.4.9, as discussed in the Sylvester Affidavit, supra, at 13. In particular, will SMUD's AFW system, as modified, meet the Standard Review Plan? If not, what precise section of the SRP is not satisfied, and does the staff regard such noncompliance as a safety problem?