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Attention: Mr. R. H. Engelken, Regional Administrator

Dear Sir:

Subject: Docket No. 50-361
30-Day Report
Licensee Event Report No. 82-141
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 2

Pursuant to Section 6.9.1.13b of Appendix A, Technical Specifications to Operating License NPF-10, for San Onofre Unit 2, this submittal provides the required 30-day written report and copy of Licensee Event Report (LER) for an occurrence involving the Condensate Storage Tank T-120 low water level.

Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) 3.7.1.3 requires the condensate storage tank T-120 to be operable in Modes 1, 2 and 3 with a contained water volume of at least 280,000 gallons. On October 27, 1982 at 1700 while in Mode 2, the water level in Tank T-120 dropped below this required limit, the tank was declared inoperable, and the Action Statement associated with LCO 3.7.1.3 was entered. This Action Statement requires the inoperable tank to be returned to service within 4 hours or cooldown must be initiated.

The cause of this incident was due to misalignment of valving for make up to tank T-120. This was due to failure to recognize and account for system configuration as modified by a properly documented temporary modification.

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Corrective measures to restore water level were in progress prior to the level falling below the required limit, however, these measures were not sufficient to prevent the level from dropping below the limit for approximately 3 1/2 hours, at which time the level was restored to the required limit and the LCO again satisfied.

Corrective actions to prevent recurrence include additional training of operators to ensure that the latest drawings and other required documents are used in any plant evolution. Also, an engineering evaluation to implement an automatic level control system is underway. The completion date for this evaluation has not been established.

The public health and safety were not affected since the tank was restored to operable status within the permissible time. Also, the operating history at this point in plant start-up precludes significant decay heat. Attached LER 82-141 addresses this event.

If there are any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: LER 82-141

cc: A. E. Chaffee (USNRC Resident Inspector, San Onofre Unit 2)

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