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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman Palladino  
Commissioner Gilinsky  
Commissioner Ahearne  
Commissioner Roberts

FROM: William J. Dircks  
Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: SAN ONOFRE 1 SEISMIC REANALYSIS

Southern California Edison Company (the licensee) has been engaged in a seismic reanalysis program at San Onofre Unit 1 for the past several years. The safety of continued operation of the facility during the reanalysis program, among other things, was the subject of a 2.206 request from Ralph Nader and others in 1981. The staff's position in November 1981 on the seismic issue, after review of the petitions, was that the plant could continue to operate safely subject to implementation of certain specific fixes by June 1982 and subject to other related conditions. The Commission has not yet acted on the staff response to the petitions.

On Monday of this week (May 3) we received some significant new information from the licensee on this matter. Because of the pendency of the 2.206 requests before the Commission, OGC was orally informed at that time. The enclosed memorandum from the Chief, Systematic Evaluation Program Branch, NRR, on the subject was issued yesterday.

The Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation has the recommendations contained in the enclosed memorandum under consideration. The plant is currently shutdown and not scheduled to return to operation until next month. The licensee has been informed of the seriousness of the technical matter and a meeting between the staff and the licensee is being scheduled for next week. Representatives of the 2.206 petitioners will be informed of the meeting and may attend as observers.

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I will keep the Commission informed of further developments in this matter.

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for William J. Dircks  
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Enclosure:

Memo to G. C. Lainas fm  
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