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 Attn: Document Control Desk  
 Washington, DC 20555

Docket No. 50-312  
 Rancho Seco Nuclear Station  
 License No. DPR-54

**REVISION TO PERMANENTLY DEFUELED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION BASES D3/4.3**

Attention: Seymour Weiss

Based on a District evaluation of the licensing basis for the control of heavy loads at Rancho Seco, the District submits the attached revised Bases for Permanently Defueled Technical Specifications (PDTS) D3/4.3, "Fuel Storage Building Load Handling Limits." The revised PDTS Bases change is editorial in nature and provides clarification that the licensing basis for PDTS 3/4.3 is to give reasonable assurance that 'heavy' loads will not be handled over spent fuel assemblies stored in the spent fuel pool.

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.36(a), the Technical Specifications Bases is not part of the Technical Specifications, and a change to the Bases does not constitute a change to the Technical Specifications. The District did a 10 CFR 50.59 safety evaluation for the PDTS D3/4.3 Bases change and concluded that a Technical Specification (PDTS) change is not required and an Unreviewed Safety Question is not involved.

In accordance with the Rancho Seco licensing basis and PDTS D3/4.3, the weight limit for a load handled over spent fuel is the combined weight of a fuel assembly, its control component, and associated handling tool. Loads in excess of this weight limit are considered heavy loads. This limitation provides reasonable assurance that in the event a load is dropped over spent fuel, (1) the activity released will be limited to that contained in a single fuel assembly, and (2) the distortion of fuel in the spent fuel pool storage racks will not result in a critical array.

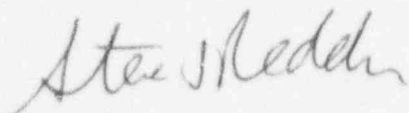
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Please replace existing PDTS Bases page BD3/4-6 in the Rancho Seco PDTS Manual with the revised, attached PDTS Bases page. The area of change is indicated with a vertical line in the right hand margin.

Members of your staff requiring additional information or clarification may contact Jerry Delezenski at (916) 452-3211, extension 4914.

Sincerely,



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Plant Closure & Decommissioning

Attachment

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