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Docket No. 50-312/78-19

Sacramento Municipal Utility District P. O. Box 15830 Sacramento, California 95813

Attention: Mr. John J. Mattimoe

Assistant General Manager and Chief Engineer

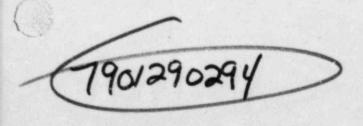
Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Special Inspection - Rancho Seco

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. R. Thomas and J. B. Baird of this office on October 26-27, and 30, 1978, of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-54, and to the discussion of our findings held by Mr. Thomas with Mr. R. Rodriguez and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection was conducted in response to your notification to a member of this office of an apparent radiation dose to an individual in excess of 10 CFR 20.101(b) limits. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures, representative records, conditions related to the cause of the overexposure, and interviews with personnel.

Based on the results of this special inspection, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. These items of noncompliance have been categorized into a level as described in our correspondence to all NRC licensees dated December 31, 1974.



This notice is sent to you pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.201, of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Section 2.201 requires you to submit to this office, within twenty (20) days of your receipt of this notice, a written statement or explanation in reply including (1) corrective steps which have been taken by you and the results achieved; (2) corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you submit a written application to this office, within 20 days of the date of this letter, requesting that such information be withheld from public disclosure. The application must include a full steement of the reasons why it is claimed that the information is proprietary. The application should be prepared so that any proprietary information identified is contained in an enclosure to the application, since the application without the enclosure will also be placed in the Public Document Room. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be glad to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

R. H. Engelken Director

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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation

2. IE Inspection Report No. 50-312/73-19

cc w/o encl. 2: R. J. Rodriguez, SMUD L. G. Schwieger, SMUD