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Southern California Edison Company
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Attention: Kenneth P. Baskin
Vice President, Nuclear

Gentlemen:

In view of the frequent reported releases of radioactive material from your facility, we conducted a special inspection of the airborne release that occurred on May 5, 1984. We transmitted a thorough report of our findings to you on May 25, 1984 and requested that in your response to the Notice of Violation you determine the root cause of the incident and your proposed corrective action.

In your response dated June 25, 1984, you stated that you believe the root cause was an isolated deficiency in the Radiation Monitor 2/3 RE 7808 alarm response procedure. We do not believe that this assessment is satisfactory. It fails to recognize several contributing factors as outlined in our inspector's exit interview and described in the inspection report; nor does it evidence any attempt on your part to look for other possible contributing problems. We feel strongly that introspective assessments of incidents are extremely important because identified causal weaknesses may be operative in other areas of plant operation.

This matter was discussed by our Regional Administrator, Mr. J. B. Martin with your Mr. Harold Ray on July 24, 1984. In that conversation, Mr. Ray agreed to reassess the May 5, 1984 incident and to submit the results of this reassessment to the Region V office of NRC. We request that you submit your reassessment within thirty days of the date of this letter.

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Sincerely,

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