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Mr. Harold B. Ray
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-361/95-201 AND 50-362/95-201 (FINAL)

Dear Mr. Ray:

During the weeks of October 16 and October 23, 1995, the NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation completed the second phase of an Integrated Performance Assessment of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 2 and 3. This phase of the assessment consisted of on-site observations by a team of eight individuals in the areas of safety assessment/corrective action, operations, engineering, maintenance, and plant support. The results of the on-site assessment have been integrated with those obtained during the team's preliminary in-office documentation review and are summarized in the attached report. The team's recommendations for future inspection effort in each area are also depicted on the attached Final Performance Assessment/Inspection Planning Tree. The assessment results were also discussed with you and members of your staff during a public exit meeting conducted on November 16, 1995 at the San Onofre Site.

In general, the team observed San Onofre to be a safe and well operated facility. None of the team's individual findings indicated a major programmatic weakness in any of the five program areas. The team recommended that normal NRC inspection resources be implemented in the areas of safety assessment/corrective action, operations, and maintenance. Reduced NRC inspection resources were recommended in the areas of engineering and plant support.

Overall, the team was concerned that although your oversight processes have generally been effective at identifying equipment and human performance weaknesses, corrective actions have often not been comprehensive, specifically in the area of operations. Weaknesses identified with the normal operating procedures, with the integration of human performance data, and with management communications were seen to have contributed to the performance weaknesses that were exhibited by the operations department during the refueling outages conducted earlier this year. It appears that many of the performance issues were also the result of not reinforcing high operating standards.

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Sincerely,

Robert M. Gallo, Chief

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