

January 24, 1996

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RELIEF FROM ASME CODE REPAIR REQUIREMENTS FOR
SAN ONOFRE GENERATING STATION UNIT 3 BORIC ACID MAKE-UP SYSTEM
(TAC NO. M91653)

Dear Mr. Ray:

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The staff has completed its review of the proposed relief request. The basis for the staff's conclusion is contained in the enclosed safety evaluation. The staff has determined that, with respect to non-Code repair of a through wall leak in the boric acid make-up line, that the Code requirements for the subject component are impractical. Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(i) and consistent with the guidance in Generic Letter 90-05, "Guidance for Performing Temporary Non-Code Repair of ASME Code Class 1, 2 and 3 Piping," the granting of relief is authorized by law, will not endanger life, property or the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest giving due consideration to the burden on the licensee that could result if the requirements were imposed on the facility. Relief is granted until the next scheduled outage exceeding 30 days, but no later than the next refueling outage. The staff's conclusion was provided verbally to Southern California Edison Company on June 27, 1995. The Code repair was performed during the Cycle 8 refueling outage, which began on July 22, 1995.

Sincerely,

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Docket No. 50-362

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