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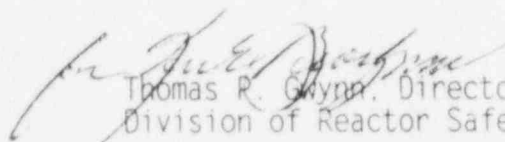
SUBJECT: ENGINEERING SELF-ASSESSMENT PROPOSAL

This is in response to your letter dated February 21, 1996, which proposed performing a self assessment of the engineering activities, programs, and controls as an alternative to an NRC team inspection of these activities. The NRC currently plans to perform an engineering and technical support team inspection at San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 2 and 3, on September 16 through October 4, 1996, using NRC Inspection Procedure 37550.

The NRC encourages the performance of licensee self assessments and will recognize a licensee's good performance and self-assessment capability in a given area by reducing the scope of NRC inspection effort in the same area. However, in order for us to evaluate the acceptability of reducing our core inspection program in the engineering area, you must formally submit your plan for the proposed self-assessment effort in accordance with NRC Inspection Procedure 40501. Our review of this plan will be the basis for the NRC's acceptance of your proposal. Your proposed plan should include the schedule, the scope, the level of effort, and the teams qualification for performing the self assessment.

Mr. Chris A. VanDenburgh of my staff is the primary point of contact for this inspection. Please contact him at 817/860-8161 with any questions or clarifications you may have concerning development of your proposal.

Sincerely,

  
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