

December 12, 1996

Mr. Glen R. Mills
P. O. Box 3393
Mission Viejo, CA 92690

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In response to your previous inquiry, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff conducted a thorough review of the seismic data for the San Onofre site and the seismic design of SONGS Unit 1. The staff considered the anecdotal information provided in your letter of October 23, but it has concluded that you have not presented any new information that would change the conclusions discussed in my October 15 letter.

The NRC staff will continue to critically evaluate NRC-licensed activities at the SONGS facility. However, I consider the issues that you have raised regarding the seismic design of the SONGS Unit 1 spent fuel pool to be closed and intend to take no further actions on this matter unless you are able to provide new information specific to the seismic design of the SONGS facility.

Although I do not intend to take any further action on your letter, because you have called into question NRC's regard for public health and safety, I will forward a copy of your letter to the NRC Office of the Inspector General.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY A. Thadani for

Frank J. Miraglia, Jr., Acting Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank J. Miraglia, Jr.", is written over the typed name.

Frank J. Miraglia, Jr., Acting Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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TICKET NO: 0960213

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NRR RCVD DATE: 11/08/96

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F. J. MIRAGLIA

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THADANI
ZIMMERMAN
SHERON
TRAVERS
BOHRER

ASSIGNED TO:

CONTACT:

DRPM

MARTIN

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DUE TO NRR DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
BY Jan. 26, 1996