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Dr. Roger Mattson, Director
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Dear Dr. Mattson:

On Channel 23 here in Los Angeles this week we saw a documentary film entitled "60 Minutes to Meltdown" in which you were interviewed several times. My reason for writing to you is this: My husband and I are seriously considering buying a new home in Mission Viejo, CA, just a few miles north and east of the San Onofre plant. Can you answer two questions for us in regard to this plant?

1. Does San Onofre have a direct reading water level indicator installed at present? If not, are they now required to have this and by what date should it be in place?
2. Has San Onofre had any embrittlement of its core reactors that the NRC is aware of? Since the program indicated this could cause a major rupture of the pressure vessel itself it seems terribly important. Possibly as a part of this question I should ask of you if San Onofre is a Babcock and Wilcox plant. Also, is the NRC aware of any corrosion and vibration on steam generators which sounded like it could lead to a tube rupture.

We will sincerely appreciate an early answer to the above.

Very truly yours,

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