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Docket Nos. 50-361 & 50-362

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Attention: Mr. Kenneth P. Baskin, Vice President
Nuclear Engineering Safety and Licensing

Gentlemen:

This refers to the emergency operating procedures (EOP) inspection conducted at San Onofre Units 2 and 3 by a special EOP inspection team during the period June 1 through 14, 1988, and to the discussion of the inspection findings held by the inspectors with Mr. C. B. McCarthy and other members of the Southern California Edison staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of examinations of emergency operating procedures, related procedures and records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

Within the scope of the inspection, no violations or deviations were identified. Although deficiencies were identified, the Emergency Operating Procedures were found to be adequate for continued operation of the facility.

We wish to call your attention to the apparent reluctance by the licensed reactor operators to utilize the Functional Recovery Instruction procedure during a simulator exercise. It appeared that the identified deficiencies, contained in the Functional Recovery Instruction procedure, resulted in the operators losing confidence in the procedure's ability to quickly mitigate plant conditions during a plant emergency. We wish to emphasize your staff's commitment to eliminate the deficiencies in the procedures and the corresponding weaknesses in the training program, which were identified as the root causes of the operator's perception of the inadequate capability of the Functional Recovery Procedure.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter, the enclosure, and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Original signed

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