

October 20, 1998

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SUBJECT: COMPLETION OF LICENSING ACTION FOR GENERIC LETTER 97-04,
"ASSURANCE OF SUFFICIENT NET POSITIVE SUCTION HEAD FOR
EMERGENCY CORE COOLING AND CONTAINMENT HEAT REMOVAL
PUMPS" FOR SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION (SONGS)
UNITS 2 AND 3 (TAC NOS. MA0040 AND MA0041)

Dear Mr. Ray:

On October 7, 1997, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Generic Letter (GL) 97-04, "Assurance of Net Positive Suction Head for Emergency Core Cooling and Containment Heat Removal Pumps," to all holders of operating licenses or construction permits. The NRC issued GL 97-04 to confirm the adequacy of the net positive suction head (NPSH) available for emergency core cooling (including core spray and decay heat removal) and containment heat removal pumps under all design-basis accident scenarios.

In response to GL 97-04, you provided letters dated October 24, 1997, and January 2, 1998, for SONGS Units 2 and 3. In response to a request for additional information dated August 19, 1998, you submitted a letter on October 5, 1998. These submittals provided the information requested by GL 97-04. The staff has reviewed your responses and has concluded that all requested information has been provided. We therefore consider GL 97-04 closed for your facilities.

Please contact me at 301-415-1352 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,
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