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March 23, 1982

Mr. Richard C. De Young, Director Office of Inspection and Enforcement U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D. C. 20555

Re: Docket No. 50-275

Facility License No. DPR-76

Diablo Canyon Unit 1

Dear Mr. De Young:

In our March 15, 1982 response to NRC Notice of Violation, EA 82-13, Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PGandE") committed to furnish to "all officers and personnel involved in nuclear power work a letter re-emphasizing PGandE's commitment to full and open communication between PGandE, its contractors, and the NRC." Pursuant to this commitment, the enclosed letter was jointly issued on March 22, 1982 by Mr. F. W. Mielke, Jr., Chairman of the Board, and Mr. B. W. Shackelford, President, of PGandE.

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Recently, in February of this year, Mr. R. C. Thornberry issued a separate memorandum to Diablo Canyon Power Plant employees which reiterated the Company's policy concerning adherence to government rules and regulations.

We must strive for perfection in design, construction, and operation of our nuclear units. To attain this goal, it is necessary that we all exercise our best efforts to resolve problems we encounter in our work. When problems are encountered, they must be immediately identified, clearly defined, and brought to the attention of your supervisor. This approach should facilitate the evaluation of, and formulation of timely and effective solutions to, any problem. Constructive recommendations are encouraged at all levels.

Our goal is to design, construct, and operate our nuclear facilities with full margins of safety and full compliance with NRC requirements. Strict adherence to the above policies will provide added assurance that this goal will be met.

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PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

March 22, 1982

TO: PGandE OFFICERS, ENGINEERS, TECHNICIANS AND OTHERS
DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE COMPANY'S NUCLEAR FACILITIES

This letter is to reemphasize the Company's longstanding commitment to design, build, and operate safe nuclear power plants and in achieving this commitment to require all employees to practice fundamental honesty and to adhere to Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") rules and regulations.

This is also to reemphasize that our communications with the NRC must be open and allow a free flow of information. We must be ever alert to any possible misleading or ambiguous statements made either in oral or written communications. Any such misstatements must be corrected immediately upon discovery. Nothing less than full and open communication between the Company and the NRC can be tolerated.

In October 1977, PGandE formalized its general policy concerning employee conduct (Standard Pract.ce 135.6-1). The statement of policy establishes a Company philosophy regarding work conduct emphasizing that:

"It is the policy of this Company that employees shall at all times continue to practice fundamental honesty. Employees shall not, nor attempt to: deceive, defraud, or mislead the Company, other employees, or those with whom the Company has business or other relationship; ... misrepresent the Company or its employees; ... withhold their best efforts to perform their work to acceptable standards; ... violate applicable laws; or conduct themselves at any time dishonestly or in a manner which would reflect discredit on the Company."

This policy is particularly important to all employees engaged in work concerning nuclear power.

In April 1976, Mr. J. D. Worthington, and again in 1980, Mr. J. O. Schuyler, issued a memorandum to all personnel involved in the Company's nuclear power work which described a program to permit such personnel to discuss their concerns regarding nuclear power. The August 1980 letter stated that:

"[Our] purpose is to again reaffirm the Company's strong commitment to the protection of its employees and the general public against any unsafe situation with respect to these nuclear facilities and, further, to assure that you have every opportunity to communicate freely to your Company any views you might have on the safety of nuclear facilities.

"We believe that you appreciate your right and obligation to express yourselves on matters of safety and that you have the dedication and individual initiative, insofar as your responsibilities are concerned, to see that our nuclear facilities are designed, constructed, and operated in a safe manner.

"To give you added opportunity to ask questions or to express your views on any aspect of the safety of nuclear facilities, including those outside your own sphere of responsibility, we encourage you not only to talk to your supervisor, but also, if you wish, to any one of the following people who have been designated a review team to answer questions and to evaluate the views of any employee who wishes to express any concern whatever about the safety of nuclear facilities:"

We are proud that the application of these policies of openness in finding and evaluating safety issues led directly to the discovery by PGandE personnel of the "mirror image" error at Diablo that otherwise might have gone undetected.

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