

ENCLOSURE

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Southern California Edison Co.  
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station

Docket Nos.: 50-361  
50-362  
License Nos.: NPF-10  
NPF-15  
EA 98-563

During an NRC inspection conducted on November 9 through December 18, 1998, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violation is listed below:

San Onofre, Units 2 and 3, Technical Specification 3.7.10 requires that while either unit is in Modes 1, 2, 3, or 4, two emergency chilled water trains shall be operable. The action statement requires that, with one emergency chilled water train inoperable, the train be restored to operable status within 7 days or that the units be in Mode 3 in 6 hours and in Mode 5 in 36 hours.

Contrary to the above, the Train B emergency chilled water system was inoperable on two separate periods (August 6 through 26, 1998, and September 4 through September 25, 1998), while Units 2 and 3 were in Mode 1, and action was not taken to either restore the train to operable status within 7 days or place the units in Mode 5 within the following 36 hours. The train was inoperable during the first period due to maintenance, an incorrectly set electrical demand switch, and noncondensable gases in the refrigerant; during the second period due to maintenance, and a miswired low chilled water temperature cutout switch. (01013)

This is a Severity Level III violation (Supplement I).

The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reason for the violation, the corrective actions taken and planned to correct the violation and prevent recurrence and the date when full compliance was achieved is already adequately addressed on the docket in Inspection Report Nos. 50-361/98-18; 50-362/98-18, in Licensee Event Reports 98-020 and 98-021, and in your correspondence dated February 11 and 16, 1999. However, you are required to submit a written statement or explanation pursuant to 10 CFR 2.201 if the description therein does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position. In that case, or if you choose to respond, clearly mark your response as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation," and send it to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region IV, 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 400, Arlington, Texas 76011, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice).

If you contest this enforcement action, you should also provide a copy of your response, with the basis for your denial, to the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

If you choose to respond, your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). Therefore, to the extent possible, the response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. If personal privacy or proprietary information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, then please provide a bracketed copy of your response that identifies the information that should be protected and a redacted copy of your response that deletes such information. If you request withholding of such material, you must specifically identify the portions of your response that you seek to have withheld and provide in detail the bases for your claim of withholding (e.g., explain why the disclosure of information will create an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or provide the information required by 10 CFR 2.790(b) to support a request for withholding confidential commercial or financial information). If safeguards information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, please provide the level of protection described in 10 CFR 73.21.

Dated this 16th day of March 1999