



**UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**
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March 31, 2022

Mr. Albert Bates
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San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station
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SUBJECT: SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, APPLICATION
ACCEPTANCE: PROPOSED EXEMPTION FROM TITLE 10 OF THE *CODE OF
FEDERAL REGULATIONS* PART 72.106(b), INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL
STORAGE INSTALLATION CONTROLLED AREA BOUNDARY
(L-2021-LLE-0056)

Dear Mr. Bates:

On December 16, 2021, Southern California Edison (SCE) submitted a request (Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML21355A242 (Pkg)) for an exemption from a requirement of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 72.106(b) for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI). In the request, SCE states that it wishes to establish the ISFSI Control Area Boundary at or within the site boundary which coincides with well-controlled physical boundaries that in some places are less than the required 100 meters from the ISFSI. Specifically, SCE indicated that those areas that would be less than 100 meters would be the North Industrial Area seawall to the west of the ISFSI and the Owner Controlled Area fence line to the East of the ISFSI. On February 28, 2022, SCE submitted supplemental information (ADAMS Accession No. ML22062B028) in response to January 26, 2022, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) request for supplemental information (ADAMS Accession No. ML22018A313).

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and supplemental information and has determined that the application is accepted for detailed technical review. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. If additional information is needed, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

The NRC staff expects to complete the exemption review no later than October 31, 2022 (approximately 450 hours). In addition, the NRC, through its contractor, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), will be performing a confirmatory analysis before the NRC staff completes its safety evaluation. The cost for the confirmatory survey will be approximately \$90,000.

If there are emergent complexities or challenges in our review, such as, multiple rounds of requests for additional information, or unanticipated addition of scope to the review that would cause changes to the initial forecasted completion date, findings of our technical review, urgent

assignments, or other factors, the reasons for the changes, along with a new estimate, will be communicated during the routine interactions with the assigned project manager.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter is available for inspection at the Public Document Room Monday-Friday by appointment or electronically from the Publicly Available Records component of ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To schedule an appointment to visit the Public Document Room, please e-mail PDR.Resource@nrc.gov or call 1-800-397-4209.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 301 415-6822 or amy.snyder@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,



Signed by Snyder, Amy
on 03/31/22

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Office of Nuclear Material Safety
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Docket Nos.: 50-206; 50-361; 50-362; 72-041

cc: SONGS ListServ

SONGS Application Acceptance Proposed Exemption from Title 10 of the CFR, Part 72.106(b), ISFSI
Controlled Boundary DATE March 31, 2022

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