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SUBJECT: SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3 - RELIEF FROM CERTAIN ASME CODE SUBSECTIONS IWE/IWL REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTAINMENT INSERVICE INSPECTION (TAC NOS. MA6011 AND MA6012)

Dear Mr. Ray:

By letter dated June 25, [redacted] you submitted to the NRC requests for relief (Relief Request (RR) Nos. RR-E-2-03 through RR-E-2-08) from the examination requirements of the applicable American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code, Section XI, for the first containment inservice inspection (ISI) interval. The request stated that the reliefs were needed as a result of the change to 10 CFR 50.55a (August 8, 1996, 61 *Federal Register* 41303) requiring licensees to meet Subsections IWE and IWL of the ASME Code.

The NRC staff has evaluated the information provided and concludes that the proposed alternatives in RR-E-2-03 and RR-E-2-04 provide an acceptable level of quality and safety and are therefore authorized pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i). Further, the staff concludes that for RR-E-2-05, RR-E-2-06, RR-E-2-07 and RR-E-2-08, compliance with the specified requirements of the Code would result in hardship or unusual difficulty without a compensating increase in the level of quality and safety. Therefore, the proposed alternatives in RR-E-2-05 through RR-E-2-08 are authorized pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(ii).

Our safety evaluation on these requests for relief is enclosed.

Sincerely

Original signed by S. Richards for
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Division of Licensing Project Management
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362

Enclosure: Safety Evaluation

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