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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-70/99-01

Dear Mr. Stimmell,

On October 18-20, 1999, the NRC completed an inspection at your Vallecitos Nuclear Center. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection.

Major activities reviewed as part of this inspection focused on your program to maintain the SAFSTOR condition of the General Electric Test Reactor (GETR), Vallecitos Boiling Water Reactor (VBWR) and ESADA Vallecitos Experimental Superheat Reactor (EVESR). A tour of VBWR, GETR and EVESR was conducted to evaluate the structural condition of the facilities.

In addition to the Part 50 reactor license for the three shutdown facilities, a number of activities were being performed at the Vallecitos site under Special Nuclear Material License SNM-960. An inspection of the SNM-960 license was conducted during the same week as the reactor inspection and will be documented as a separate inspection report under docket No. 70-754. The SNM-960 inspection program reviews the common areas of the special nuclear materials license and the reactor licenses, including the radiation safety program, emergency planning, radwaste shipping, and the environmental monitoring program.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

*Charles L. Cain*

*For* Dwight D. Chamberlain, Director  
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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