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FINAL REPLY:

Senator Barbara Boxer

TO:

Chairman Jaczko

FOR SIGNATURE OF : ** PRI ** CRC NO: 12-0215

Chairman Jaczko

DESC:

ROUTING:

Request for Documents Related to the Safety of
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station
(EDATS: SECY-2012-0243)

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DATE: 05/17/12

ASSIGNED TO: CONTACT:
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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

Please prepare rseponse in accordance with OEDO
Notice 2009-0441-02 (ML093290179). NRR and Region
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General Information

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OEDO Due Date: 5/17/2012 11:00 PM

Other Assignees:

SECY Due Date: 5/17/2012 11:00 PM

Subject: Request for Documents Related to the Safety of San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station

Description:

CC Routing: NRR; RegionIV; OCA; OGC

ADAMS Accession Numbers - Incoming: NONE

Response/Package: NONE

Other Information

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Staff Initiated: NO

Related Task:

Recurring Item: NO

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Agency Lesson Learned: NO

OEDO Monthly Report Item: NO

Process Information

Action Type: Letter

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Sensitivity: None

Urgency: NO

Signature Level: Chairman Jaczko

Approval Level: No Approval Required

OEDO Concurrence: YES

OCM Concurrence: NO

OCA Concurrence: NO

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Document Information

Originator Name: Senator Barbara Boxer

Date of Incoming: 5/15/2012

Originating Organization: Congress

Document Received by SECY Date: 5/17/2012

Addressee: Chairman Jaczko

Date Response Requested by Originator: 5/21/2012

Incoming Task Received: Letter

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CORRESPONDENCE CONTROL TICKET

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LOGGING DATE: 05/15/2012

ACTION OFFICE: EDO

AUTHOR: SEN Barbara Boxer

AFFILIATION: CONG

ADDRESSEE: CHRM Gregory Jaczko

SUBJECT: Request for documents related to the safety of San Onofre

ACTION: Signature of Chairman

DISTRIBUTION: RF, OCA to Ack.

LETTER DATE: 05/15/2012

ACKNOWLEDGED No

SPECIAL HANDLING: A response was requested by Monday, May 21, 2012.

NOTES:

FILE LOCATION: ADAMS

DATE DUE: 05/17/2012

DATE SIGNED:

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May 15, 2012

The Honorable Gregory Jaczko
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Chairman Jaczko:

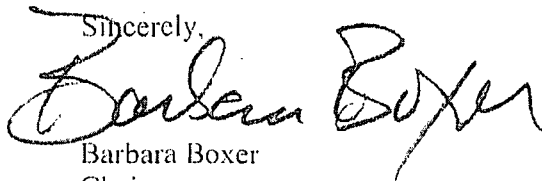
On February 8, 2012, I wrote to ask the Nuclear Regulation Commission (NRC) to review the safety of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station after problems were discovered with the facility's redesigned steam generators. You committed to conducting a thorough review before deciding whether to approve the restart of the reactors.

Since my letter to you, the media and others have raised concerns that design changes in the San Onofre replacement steam generators contributed to accelerated wear in tubes carrying radioactive water. Recent media reports quote a Southern California Edison (SCE) executive as saying, "We are thinking that this is probably a design defect."

Among other requirements, NRC rules state that a nuclear power plant operator must obtain a license amendment for any change that would result in more than a "minimal increase in the likelihood" of a malfunction of a structure, system, or component important to safety. SCE determined that such an amendment was not necessary for its redesigned steam generators.

Please provide me with a written summary that describes NRC's plans for establishing whether SCE's replacement of the steam generators required a license amendment, as well as any documents related to NRC's review of the design change. In addition, provide me with all documents in the NRC's possession or control related to SCE's determination that a license amendment was not necessary. Please deliver these documents to my Committee office by May 21, 2012. I also have requested from SCE all documents related to their determination. Contact Terrance Horner or Grant Cope (202/224-8832) with any questions.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer
Chairman