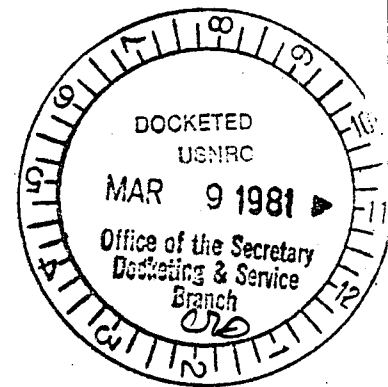


San Clemente City Council Committee
on Emergency Planning
Attention: Mr. Bill Meeham
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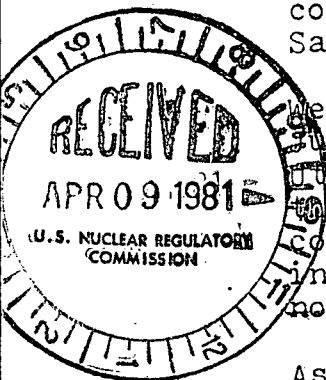


Dear Council Committee:

Citizens United for Renewable Energy (CURE) in Riverside wishes to express our support for your efforts to protect the health and safety of the citizens of San Clemente as you seek to ensure the adequacy of your town's emergency response plans.

CURE is a coalition of community groups and individuals whose purpose is "to promote energy conservation and facilitate the development of alternative energy sources."

Recently, your committee received a letter from the Riverside City Council encouraging you to refrain from holding up the licensing process of San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, units 2 and 3. We strongly disagree with our Council's resolution to send this letter and are deeply concerned by our Council's disregard for the citizens of San Clemente.



We wish to inform you that during a public hearing on July 15, 1980, the Riverside City Council and Public Utilities Board and Director heard expert testimony to the effect that significant delay in SONGS' licensing could occur. The Council's failure to take this factor into account is the City of Riverside's responsibility, not yours.

As stated in Appendix A to the Summary of Public Comments and NRC Staff Analysis Relating to Rulemaking on Emergency Planning for Nuclear Power Plants, NUREG-0684, Sept. 1980, the NRC now views "emergency planning as equivalent to, rather than as secondary to, siting and design in public protection." Furthermore, "in carrying out its statutory mandate to protect the public health and safety, the Commission (NRC) must be in a position to know that off-site governmental plans have been reviewed and found adequate." (Pg A-4) We, therefore, support and applaud your commitment to give close scrutiny to your community's proposed emergency response plans.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Riggs

Barbara Riggs, Chairperson
Citizens United for Renewable Energy

cc Mr. Ron Coleman; Mr. John Ahearne, Chairman NRC;
Riverside City Council; and Mr. Tim Scrove, Reporter
for the Riverside Press-Enterprise.

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