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Gentlemen:

Subject: Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362
Amendment Application Nos. 83 and 68
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station
Units 2 and 3

Reference: 1) SCE to NRC letter, dated 9/1/88, regarding Amendment Applications 40 and 26, Proposed Change Notice NPF-10/15-245

2) NRC to SCE letter, dated 12/28/88, regarding Amendment Applications 40 and 26, TAC NOS.65090, 65091, 65549, 65550, 69360 and 69361

This letter provides Amendment Application No. 83 to Facility Operating License NPF-10 and Amendment Application No. 68 to Facility Operating License NPF-15 for San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 2 and 3, respectively. These Amendment Applications consist of Proposed Technical Specification Change NPF-10/15-297 (PCN-297).

PCN-297 is a request to revise San Onofre Units 2 and 3 Technical Specifications 3/4.3.2, "Engineered Safety Feature Actuation System Instrumentation," and 3/4.3.3.1, "Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation," to remove requirements relating to the iodine/particulate channels of the Fuel Handling Isolation System airborne radiation monitors. This proposed change has been previously requested per Reference 1 and denied per Reference 2. Insufficient detail was provided by SCE to support the change. This revised proposed change provides additional details.

These monitors monitor the fuel handling building HVAC process stream for radiation due to a fuel handling accident and initiate a Fuel Handling Isolation Signal (FHIS). This function is presently performed by both iodine/particulate and noble gas channels. The proposed change will continue to require that two independent, redundant noble gas channels be operable to initiate the FHIS. This change is consistent with the requirements of the Standard Review Plan.

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The Standard Review Plan monitoring and sampling requirements, for the fuel storage area vent system, will therefore continue to be met by the noble gas channels of these FHIS airborne radiation monitors, other monitors, grab sampling and grab sampling capability. Specific details are provided in the details of the proposed change. Accordingly, this proposed change will not increase the probability or consequences of a fuel handling accident.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment application, please call me.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

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