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Gentlemen:

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

By letter dated December 29, 1981, Southern California Edison (SCE) informed the NRC of the program for the independent verification of the seismic design of San Onofre, Units 2 and 3 (SONGS 2&3). During the period since issuance of that letter, SCE has transmitted to the NRC, upon receipt, all Preliminary Finding Reports (PFR's) as received from the reviewing agency, General Atomic Company (GA). SCE utilized this procedure to facilitate NRC review of findings because of the dearth of time available between initiation of this program and the need date for the SONGS 2&3 fuel load and low power license.

By letter dated January 25, 1982, SCE transmitted to the NRC GA's interim report on the independent verification program. SCE considers that this report, together with resolution or status reports for the 58 PFR's listed in the interim report, constitutes the basis for NRC review of the independent verification program for the purpose of issuing the fuel load and low power license. Therefore, because the timing between issuance of the final report (scheduled for March 31, 1982) and need date for the full power license is less critical than was the case for the interim report and the low power license, and in order to avoid imposing needless administrative hardships on the NRC, SCE and GA, SCE will no longer transmit PFR's to the NRC until they are fully processed by GA. In addition, a discussion of all PFR's and their dispositioning will be included in the final report.

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

Very truly yours,

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