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Gentlemen:

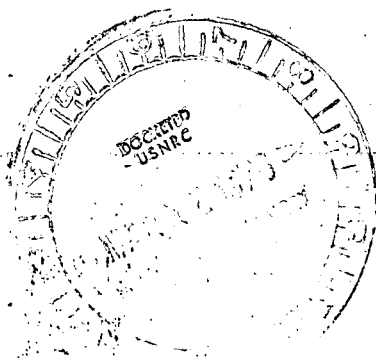
SUBJECT: Docket #50-361 and 50-362
San Onofre Nuclear Generating
Station Units 2 and 3

This letter forwards three originals of the San Onofre Units 2 and 3 Preoperational Monitoring Program. Forty copies will be submitted under separate cover. This program has been developed pursuant to Section 3.E.3 of the Construction Permits for San Onofre Units 2 and 3. That section calls for expansion of the San Onofre Unit 1 Environmental Monitoring Program in connection with the construction of Units 2 and 3.

As requested by Mr. B. J. Youngblood in a meeting held on November 1, 1974, at the NRC Offices in Rockville, Maryland, we acknowledge the following two additional conditions related to the construction of Units 2 and 3:

- (1) "A control program shall be established by the Applicants to provide for a periodic review of all construction activities to assure those activities conform to the environmental conditions set forth in the construction permit."
- (2) "Before engaging in a construction activity which may result in a significant adverse environmental impact that was not evaluated or that is significantly greater than that evaluated in the Environmental Statement, the Applicants shall provide written notification to the Director of Licensing, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission."

In response to these additional conditions, we intend to implement the control program described by the document entitled



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 - (a) Erosion Control During Construction
 - (b) Construction Dewatering Discharge
 - (c) Construction Monitoring of Conduit Construction and Sand Disposal
- (2) Terrestrial Biology Study
- (3) Thermal Exception Study

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