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Docket 50-312
Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station
License DPR-54

Docket 72-11
Rancho Seco Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation
License SNM-2510

**REPORT OF CHANGES TO THE RANCHO SECO QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM
THAT DO NOT REQUIRE PRIOR NRC APPROVAL**

Attention: John Hickman and William Allen

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(a)(3) and 10 CFR 50.4(b)(7), we are required to submit a copy of changes to the Rancho Seco Quality Manual (RSQM) that do not reduce commitments in the quality assurance program previously accepted by the NRC. Changes to the quality program that do not reduce commitments in the program can be made without prior NRC approval.

During calendar year 2013, we made minor changes to the RSQM. The Quality Assurance Policy section was revised to reflect the following corporate organizational changes:

- The Assistant General Manager (AGM), Power Supply and Grid Operations replaced the AGM, Energy Supply as the responsible executive.
- The Manager, Power Generation is responsible for developing the quality assurance program.
- The Manager, Audit and Quality Services is responsible for implementing the quality assurance program.

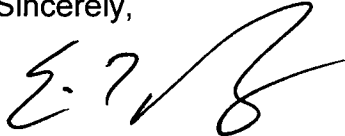
The safety evaluation associated with these changes concluded that these changes did not reduce any commitments and did not require prior NRC approval. The RSQM continues to implement the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B and 10 CFR Part 72, Subpart

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G. The individuals and organizations performing quality assurance functions continue to have sufficient authority, organizational freedom, and independence from cost and schedule issues.

If you or members of your staff have any questions requiring additional information or clarification, please contact me at (916) 732-4817.

Sincerely,

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Einar T. Ronningen
Superintendent, Rancho Seco Assets

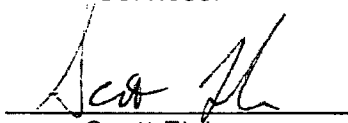
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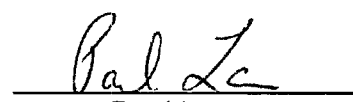
QUALITY ASSURANCE POLICY

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District's (SMUD) policy regarding quality assurance at the Rancho Seco nuclear facility, which includes the Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station (RSNGS; licensed and undergoing decommissioning pursuant to 10 CFR 50) and the Rancho Seco Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI; licensed and operated pursuant to 10 CFR 72), is as follows:

- I. Organizations involved in QA Class 1 activities and the other Program Activity Areas specified in Rancho Seco Quality Manual (RSQM) Section II, Attachment II-1, shall be structured, managed, and operated to provide compliance with the RSQM. Procedures shall be prepared that implement the activities required to safely operate the Rancho Seco nuclear facility and achieve the following objectives:
 - a. Comply with government regulations and established SMUD management policies, applying a systematic, disciplined, and uniform approach to quality assurance.
 - b. Provide facilities designed, modified, constructed, tested and operated in accordance with specified requirements with reasonable assurance that failures or malfunctions will not cause undue risk to public health and safety.
 - c. Ensure prompt identification and resolution of actual and potential problems in design, procurement, construction, testing, operations, maintenance, and modification of the structures, systems, and components associated with QA Class 1 activities or other applicable Program Activity Areas specified in RSQM Section II, Attachment II-1.
- III. The RSQM and implementing procedures constitute the Rancho Seco Quality Assurance Program (QAP). The QAP applies to activities, plans, and programs affecting the operation and the quality of structures, systems, components, and services addressed in the RSQM. The QAP will be implemented by organizations responsible for achieving and verifying quality assurance.
- IV. The Assistant General Manager (AGM), Power Supply and Grid Operations, has delegated the responsibility and authority for developing the QAP to the Manager, Power Generation and executing the QAP to the Manager, Audit Services. Any conflicts or questions involving interpretation of the requirements or resulting from the implementation of the QAP must be referred to the Manager, Audit and Quality Services.


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