

*Docket*

Docket Nos. 50-361✓  
and 50-362.

JUN 22 1973

ENVIRON, FILE (NEPA)

Daniel R. Muller, Assistant Director for Environmental Projects, L  
THRU: B. J. Youngblood, Chief, Environmental Projects Branch 3, L

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR COMMENTS ON SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING  
STATION UNITS 2 AND 3 FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT (FES)

In accordance with ADEP Project Instruction #44, the following  
information is provided:

We have received a letter from the Department of Interior (DOI), dated  
May 18, 1973, which comments on the San Onofre Units 2 and 3 FES. (The  
first paragraph of this letter mistakenly identifies it as the DES.)  
The principal reason for the letter was to note that we had published  
the FES prior to receiving their comments; and since their comments did  
not get "the normal public review", they wished to reiterate them and  
to provide some further comments.

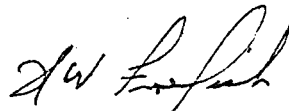
We did prepare responses to their comments on the DES, and these  
comments and our responses were made a part of the public record  
during the environmental hearings of May 1973, held in San Diego,  
California (Transcript, 2843, 2844, May 21, 1973). A copy of their  
original comments and our responses, as presented to the ASLB, is  
enclosed.

It does not appear that their letter commenting on the FES presents any  
new comments. Briefly, they are as follows:

1. Operation of Units 2 and 3 will cause damage to aquatic  
resources - the magnitude of these damages is uncertain. This  
is stated in the FES, but we have concluded that the uncertainty  
does not represent a threat to the environment.
2. The FES does not provide the data that permits concluding that  
the environmental impacts are acceptable. We consider that  
the FES provides substantive data to conclude that the impacts  
are acceptable: Without specific instances, we can make no  
further response.
3. DOI has not been "kept advised concerning the direction, progress,  
and results of ongoing studies involving interests of this  
Department". No response required.

4. DOI recommends establishment of a working relationship by the applicant with appropriate bureaus of DOI. No response required.
5. DOIs recommended "stipulations" contained in their comments on the DES were reiterated. No response required, nor did we respond to this comment on the DES. Their "stipulations" relate to post-operational studies, hence, are not appropriate for a construction permit.

The DOI comments were received on March 13, 1973, some 112 days after the DES was published. On this same date, the FES final corrections had been submitted for typing; the FES was sent to the printing office on March 16, 1973. Considering the pressure that was being exerted to publish the FES on an accelerated schedule, there was no justification for holding up publication to prepare responses to DOI comments.



R. W. Froelich, Project Manager  
Environmental Projects Branch 3  
Directorate of Licensing

Enclosure:  
Response to DOI Comments,  
San Onofre 2 & 3 DES

Distribution:

✓ Docket File (ENVIRON) (2)  
AEC PDR  
Local PDR  
L. Chandler, OGC  
R. Birkel, PWR-3  
G. Williams, L:EP-3  
EP-3 Reading File  
R. Froelich, L:EP-3

OFFICE	x7241/L:EP-3	L:EP-3				
SURNAME	RWFroelich:cr	BJYoungblood				
DATE	06/22/73	06/22/73				