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Dear Mr. Engelken:

Subject: Docket No. 50-362  
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 3

This letter confirms verbal notification on April 23, 1982 of a condition discovered in construction which is considered potentially reportable in accordance with 10CFR50.55(e). The condition involves the Main Steam Dump To Atmosphere Valves. It has been observed during testing that the valves would not return consistently to normally closed position upon loss of control air pressure as they are required to do under certain accident conditions.

We are performing an evaluation of this condition and will submit an appropriate report in accordance with 10CFR50.55(e) (3) if the condition is determined to be reportable. If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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