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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Gentlemen

This letter is directed to you in reference to the licensing of San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Units 2 and 3, Docket No. 50-361, 50-362. We are requesting that this correspondence be made part of the official record of all agencies involved in the evaluation of licensing criteria for the nuclear power plant. Several months ago, we completed the installation of a number of sirens in our community in order to comply with a Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirement for notification, alerting, and warning of the public within fifteen minutes. The sirens have been tested and evaluated by both Southern California Edison Company and the city staff. In a resolution adopted on March 18, 1982, the City Council found the present siren system inadequate to meet the fifteen-minute criterion. Both the Edison Company and city staff reports indicate that a single warning system does not provide adequate coverage to the area.

Throughout our discussions with the utility company regarding the installation of siren equipment, the City took the position that the alert warning system must be multi-channeled in order to overcome the problems created by every day ambient noise conditions. Early on in our discussions, we requested the use of a NOAA-type radio system which is an early warning weather system used in the southern part of the country at two or three nuclear plant facilities. At that time we were informed by the utility company that the NRC would not allow that system. Subsequently, communications established the fact that this is not true; the NOAA-type system is allowed by NRC.

Another alternative proposed by staff is the installation of a cablevision override system. This system allows emergency service personnel to transmit an alert and warning message over all television channels simultaneously. We believe this system would resolve a lot of the problems associated with people who claim they were not able to hear the sirens over their televisions.

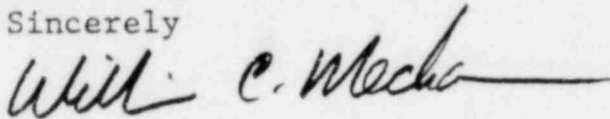
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We have been entirely unsuccessful in getting the utility company to comply with our request. The City Council of the city of San Clemente is, therefore, requesting that your agency address the issue of an adequate alert and warning system for the public within the ten-mile Emergency Planning Zone around the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station prior to issuing the final license for Units 2 and 3 of that facility.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Will C. Mechem", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William C. Mechem
Mayor

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