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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attention: Document Control Desk  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Sir:

Subject: Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362  
Reply to a Notice of Violation (50-361/96-09-01)  
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 2 and 3

- References:
1. Letter, Mr. J. E. Dyer (USNRC) to Mr. Harold B. Ray (Edison), dated September 24, 1996
  2. Letter, Mr. R. W. Krieger (Edison) to Document Control Desk (USNRC), Licensee Event Report No. 2-96-006, dated September 25, 1996

Reference 1. provided the results of an NRC inspection (50-361/96-09 and 50-362/96-09) conducted by Messrs. J. A. Sloan, J. J. Russell, D. L. Solorio, and D. G. Acker from July 28 through September 7, 1996, at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 2 and 3. The enclosure to Reference 1. transmitted a Notice of Violation. This letter provides Edison's reply to the subject Notice of Violation.

The Notice of Violation in Reference 1. contained one violation related to a failure to declare a vital AC inverter inoperable, as required by Technical Specifications, when it was identified that output voltage was outside the acceptance criteria of a surveillance requirement. The Notice also states, "Your response may reference or include previously docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response."

Edison's failure to follow Technical Specifications, as they relate to this event, has been reported to the USNRC in Licensee Event Report (LER) No. 2-96-006 (Reference 2.). Reference 2. provides the reasons for the violation (cognitive personnel error), the corrective steps which have been taken (inverter verified operable, applicable surveillance procedure modified to

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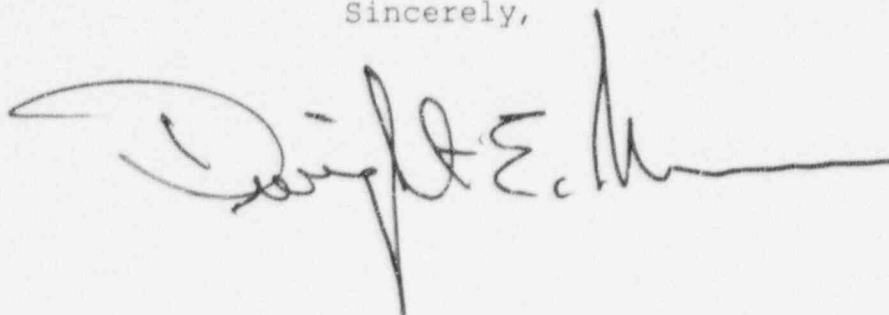
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include appropriate acceptance criteria), and the corrective steps that will be taken (occurrence to be reviewed with operating crews). Full compliance was achieved on the discovery date, August 26, 1996, when the affected inverter was verified to be operable by measuring its output voltage with a digital multimeter and confirming output voltage was within the 118 to 122 vAC band.

If you have any further questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David E. H.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

cc: L. J. Callan, Regional Administrator, NRC Region IV  
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