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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-312/96-03;72-11/96-01

Dear Mr. Ferreira:

An NRC inspection was conducted September 9-12, 1996, at your Rancho Seco nuclear reactor facility. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection.

The inspection covered the activities associated with the continued effort to maintain the facility in a SAFSTOR condition and the preparations for the eventual movement of the reactor spent fuel to the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI). Specifically, the areas examined during this inspection included Technical Specification compliance for the spent fuel pool and radiological protection program, implementation of the new 49 CFR requirements for shipping radioactive material, the 10 CFR 50.59 safety evaluation process for making changes to facilities and programs, preoperational activities associated with the dry cask storage program, and followup of Licensee Event Report (LER) 96-01 related to the movement of spent fuel without a certified fuel handler present.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Ross A. Scarano, Director
Division of Nuclear Material Safety

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