

ENCLOSURE 1

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Southern California Edison Co.
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station

Docket No.: 50-362
License No.: NPF-15

During an NRC inspection conducted on November 18-22, 1996, one violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violation is listed below:

- A. Unit 3 Technical Specification 6.8.1 stated, that, "Written procedures shall be established, implemented, and maintained covering the activities . . . recommended in Appendix A of Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 2." Regulatory Guide 1.33, Appendix A, Section 3, recommends, in part, procedures for filling and venting the reactor coolant system.

Procedure SO23-3-1.4, Attachment 3, Temporary Change Notice 15-2, "RCS Post Fill Valve alignment," states in Step 1.3 that "All unbracketed steps will be performed now . . . unbracketed steps may be marked 'N/A' after verifying completion during the previous fill."

Contrary to the above, on September 12, 1995, a senior control operator, directed unbracketed steps to be marked "N/A" without verifying completion of these steps during the previous fill. The unbracketed steps were marked "N/A," causing Unit 3 valve S31201MU995, reactor coolant gas vent system orifice gate valve, required to be locked closed in Modes 1 through 4, to be left open for approximately 1 year while Unit 3 was operated in Mode 1.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement 1) (50-362/9617-01)

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Southern California Edison Co. is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region IV, 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 400, Arlington, Texas 76011, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a Demand for Information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Because your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), to the extent possible, it should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. However, if you find it necessary to include such information, you should clearly indicate the specific information that you desire not to be placed in the PDR, and provide the legal basis to support your request for withholding the information from the public.

Dated at Arlington, Texas
this 16th day of December 1996