

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONSOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY, ET AL.SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATIONDOCKET NOS. 50-361, 50-362, AND 50-206RECEIPT OF PETITION FOR DIRECTOR'S DECISION UNDER 10 CFR 2.206

Notice is hereby given that by request dated September 22, 1996, Stephen Dwyer (Petitioner) requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Commission) shut down the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station "as soon as possible" pending a complete review of the "new seismic risk." This request is being considered as a Petition under 10 CFR 2.206.

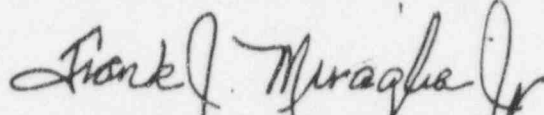
As a basis for the request, the Petition asserts that a design criterion for the plant, which was "0.75 G's acceleration," is "fatally flawed" on the basis of the new information gathered at the Landers and Northridge quakes. The Petitioner asserts (1) that the accelerations recorded at Northridge exceeded "1.8 G's and it was only a Richter 7+ quake," (2) that there were horizontal offsets of up to 20 feet in the Landers quake, and (3) that the Northridge fault was a "Blind Thrust and not mapped or assessed."

The request is being treated pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations. By letter dated November 22, 1996, Petitioner's request that the Commission immediately shut down San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station was denied. As provided by Section 2.206, appropriate action will be taken on this request within a reasonable time.

A copy of the Petition is available for inspection in the Commission's Public Document Room at 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 22nd day of November 1996.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank J. Miraglia, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Frank J. Miraglia, Jr., Acting Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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