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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-361/97-05; 50-362/97-05 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Ray:

An NRC inspection was conducted February 23 through April 5, 1997, at your San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 2 and 3 reactor facilities. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection.

During the 6-week period covered by this inspection, your conduct of activities at the San Onofre facilities was generally characterized by safety conscious operation, sound engineering and maintenance practices, and careful radiological work control.

One violation was identified during this inspection regarding cooling down the Unit 2 pressurizer at a rate greater than allowed by Technical Specifications. In particular, an operator was not attentive in the performance of a surveillance requirement which led to exceeding the maximum pressurizer cooldown rate allowed in a 1-hour period. In addition to the violation, there were four other examples of operators not being fully aware or knowledgeable of important plant conditions or limitations. These additional examples involved reactivity control (two examples) and shutdown cooling flow and configuration (two examples). While the safety consequence of these individual issues was small, together they demonstrated a weakness in operator performance.

The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding this violation is described in detail in the enclosed report. Because we have completed our review of your corrective actions for this violation, you are not required to respond to the Notice.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosure(s), and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction.

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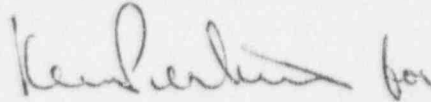
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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

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Thomas P. Gwynn, Director
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 50-362
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1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report
 50-361/97-05; 50-362/97-05

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