



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION V

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License No. DPR-54

CONFIRMATORY ACTION LETTER

Sacramento Municipal Utility District
P.O. Box 15830
Sacramento, California 95813

Attention: Mr. R. J. Rodriguez

Subject: Return of Rancho Seco to Power Operations

Gentlemen:

In a Confirmatory Action Letter that I provided to you on December 26, 1985, I stated it was my understanding that prior to return of Rancho Seco to power operations, you will conduct a root cause analysis of the reactor trip which occurred on December 26, 1985. In addition, and prior to return to power, you will provide the NRC a briefing of your assessment of the root cause and your justification as to why the Rancho Seco facility is ready to resume power operations.

Based upon additional conversations we held on December 26, 1985, and upon the fact that the NRC is sending an Augmented Inspection Team to Rancho Seco to review the December 26, 1985 reactor trip and resulting cooldown, I further understand that you will hold in abeyance any repair work planned on equipment that malfunctioned during the incident, such as dismantling existing evidence, until the SMUD and NRC inspection teams have had an opportunity to evaluate this event. This restriction does not cover any repair needed to place systems and equipment in service that are required to monitor and maintain safe conditions of the facility, i.e., the containment radiation monitor that failed during the course of the event.

If my understanding concerning your proposed actions, as summarized above, is not correct, you should promptly notify this office in writing.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

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