

April 23, 1997

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, D.C. 20555

Gentlemen:

Subject: Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362
Response to Generic Letter 97-01: "Degradation of Control Rod
Drive Mechanism Nozzle and Other Vessel Closure Head Penetrations"
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station
Units 2 and 3

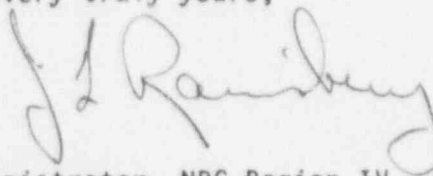
Reference: Generic Letter 97-01: "Degradation of Control Rod Drive Mechanism
Nozzle and Other Vessel Closure Head Penetrations," issued
April 1, 1997.

This letter provides Southern California Edison's (Edison's) 30 day response
to Generic Letter (GL) 97-01. Edison is working with three industry groups
(Combustion Engineering Owners Group, Nuclear Energy Institute, and Electric
Power Research Institute) in formulating the report requested by GL 97-01.

Edison intends to submit to the NRC by July 30, 1997, a written report
relative to the GL 97-01 Requested Information Items 1 and 2. If the schedule
or the content of the report needs to be revised from that requested in
GL 97-01 based on research or based on information from industry groups,
Edison will inform the NRC in writing.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Very truly yours,



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