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September 10, 2012

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The Honorable Allison M. Macfariane Chairman US Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555-001

RE: San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) Safety Concerns

Dear Chairman Macfarlane:

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As the Mayor of Laguna Hills, a city of 31,000 located in South Orange County, I am writing to express concern about the January 31, 2012, event at SONGS during which a reactor coolant leak occurred in Unit 3 resulting in a small radioactive release. Subsequent investigations by Southern California Edison (SCE), Mitsubishi (Designer/Manufacturer) and the NRC have revealed unexpected premature wear in multiple steam generator tubes in both Unit 2 and Unit 3.

The City of Laguna Hills is located approximately 22 miles north of the SONGS Facility. The recent event at SONGS and subsequent investigative findings and conclusions have created cause for concern among local officials and area residents, and raised questions about the future operation of SONGS.

Recently, our City Manager, Police Chief, and I attended a meeting at SONGS with Southern California Edison (SCE) at which SCE officials briefed City representatives on the unexpected premature wear in multiple steam generator tubes in Units 2 and 3, and the radiation leak from Unit 3 that prompted the shutdown of the plant. At the local level, SCE has also been very transparent and forthcoming by providing up-to-date SONGS Fact Sheets/correspondence, including holding one-on-one elected official briefings on an ongoing basis. I sincerely appreciate the due diligence exercised by SCE and NRC officials to err on the side of caution by shutting down both units until such time a determination can be made as to the cause of the radioactive release and what may have contributed to the premature wear in the steam generator tubes.

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In my capacity as the Mayor of Laguna Hills, I urge the NRC to continue its due diligence and independent review of this incident to address public concerns that have been raised in a open and transparent manner, and continue to take prudent and cautionary steps while a careful analysis of the excessive tube wear is conducted and a thorough review of the plant's future viability is determined.

Sincerely,

MELODY CARRUTH

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The Honorable Barbara Boxer

The Honorable Diane Feinstein

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