

May 16, 1997

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attention: Jack W. Roe, Director  
Division of Reactor Projects III/IV  
Washington D. C. 20555

Dear Dr. Roe:

Subject: **Docket No. 50-362**  
**Steam Generators**  
**San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Unit 3**

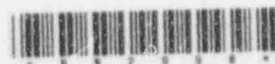
On May 9, 1997 Southern California Edison (Edison) met with the staff of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to describe recent findings of eggcrate degradation in the San Onofre Unit 3 steam generators. The purpose of this letter is to confirm certain commitments made during that meeting.

At the meeting with the NRC on May 9, Edison presented the results of inspections performed on the secondary side of the Unit 3 steam generators which identified areas of degradation of the eggcrates. Edison's preliminary assessment of the condition was discussed along with a detailed discussion of the analysis being performed to confirm that design basis requirements are met with the degraded eggcrates. Our plan for a comprehensive visual inspection of the eggcrates during the current outage was also presented.

During the May 9 meeting, Edison committed to submit a report of our evaluation of the condition of the Unit 3 steam generators at least 7 days prior to entry into Mode 4. It is our intent that this report be a high quality, comprehensive report addressing the conclusions of our evaluation and the bases for our conclusions. Following submittal of this report, Edison will meet with the NRC staff in Washington D. C. to discuss this evaluation prior to Mode 4 entry. During the May 9 meeting, Edison also committed to submit a final report 90 days after restart from the current refueling outage.

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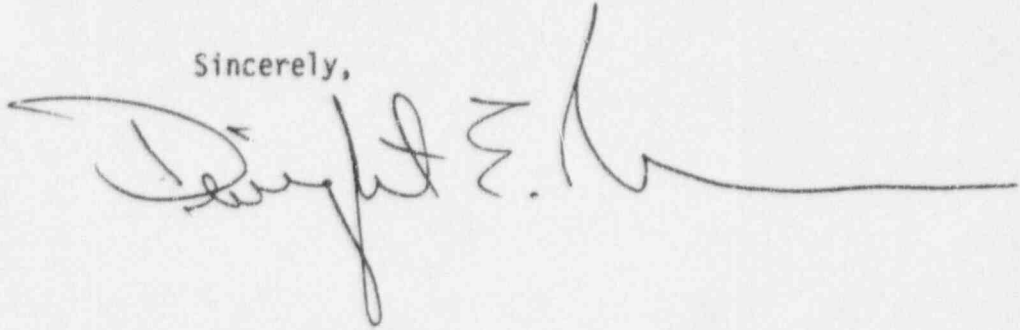
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Jack W. Roe, Director

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If there are any significant changes in our findings or our planned actions, Edison will inform the NRC staff as soon as possible. If you have any questions on our commitments or ongoing activities, please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Douglas E. Perkins". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

cc: E. W. Merschoff, Regional Administrator, NRC Region IV  
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