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Mark Ghilarducci
Director
California Governor's Office of Emergency Services
3650 Schriever Avenue
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Dear Mr. Ghilarducci:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), on June 4, 2015, granted an exemption to Southern California Edison (SCE) for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) from certain provisions within 10 CFR 50.47 and Appendix E related to off-site radiological emergency response planning. Specifically, this exemption allows SCE to discontinue its off-site radiological emergency planning activities. The NRC also officially notified the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), on June 5, 2015, that FEMA is no longer required to review, monitor, and report activities associated with off-site radiological emergency planning and preparedness as they relate to SONGS under the provisions of 44 CFR 350.

The NRC further requested that FEMA notify the appropriate state and local governments that off-site radiological emergency plans and preparedness, as described in 44 CFR 350, are no longer required as they relate to SONGS. The Memorandum, dated June 18, 2015, from Kathleen Fox, Acting Assistant Administrator, National Preparedness Directorate to Karen Armes, Acting Regional Administrator FEMA RIX is enclosed. Additionally, I have enclosed the Deputy Administrator's letter to the Governor of California, as referenced in the memo From Kathleen Fox.

Based upon this exemption and in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the NRC and FEMA contained in 44 CFR 353, Appendix A, effective June 4, 2015, please consider this formal notification that FEMA will no longer review, approve and evaluate state and local jurisdictions' radiological emergency planning and preparedness activities as they relate to SONGS.

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The NRC regulations govern whether there should be Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) programs both onsite and offsite. Based upon the notification of the exemption, FEMA has no authority to prolong or ramp down the offsite REP requirements or to fund FEMA's REP Program as it relates to SONGS.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me or Richard Grundstrom, Chair, Regional Assistance Committee at (510) 627-7240 or email richard.grundstrom@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,



Karen E. Armes
Acting Regional Administrator
FEMA Region IX

Enclosures

cc:

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Moustafa Abou-Taleb, Chief, Hazardous Materials Section
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Richard Grundstrom, Chair, Regional Assistance Committee
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June 18, 2015

MEMORANDUM FOR: Karen E. Armes
Acting Regional Administrator, FEMA Region IX

FROM: Kathleen Fox *Kathleen Fox*
Acting Assistant Administrator, National Preparedness Directorate

SUBJECT: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 10 CFR §50.54 (q) Exemption
for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has officially notified the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that the NRC has granted an exemption to Southern California Edison Company (SCE) from certain provisions of 10 CFR §50.54 (q) concerning emergency response planning. Specifically, this exemption allows SCE to discontinue its offsite radiological planning activities and as a result, no longer requires FEMA to review, monitor, and report activities associated with offsite radiological emergency planning and preparedness for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS). The NRC is expected to approve the amendments to the operating license that support the exemptions on June 4, 2015.

The NRC exemption documentation states "Emergency planning and preparedness will be limited to on-site activities; notification of off-site authorities in event of an emergency classification; requiring only on-site exercises with the opportunity for off-site response organization participation; and only maintaining arrangements for off-site response organizations (i.e., law enforcement, fire and medical services) that may respond to on-site emergencies as identified in the licensee's permanently defueled emergency plan."

In light of the basis for this exemption, permanent shut-down of the reactor and defueled condition of the plant, effective June 4, 2015 FEMA will discontinue evaluation of offsite emergency planning and preparedness activities for the site. Emergency planning and preparedness can be limited to onsite activities, simple notification to offsite authorities, and training of offsite personnel who may need to respond onsite (e.g., police, fire and ambulance personnel).

The Deputy Administrator is sending a letter to the Governor of California that will inform the State of the cessation of FEMA radiological emergency planning activities for the San Onofre site. The Region IX Technological Hazards Branch staff assisted in the preparation of the letter to the Governor.

Please notify appropriate State and local government officials that FEMA will no longer review, evaluate, and monitor offsite radiological emergency planning and preparedness activities surrounding the San Onofre site in accordance with 44 C.F.R. Part 350 after June 4, 2015.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Andrew Mitchell, Director Technological Hazards Division at (202) 646-2618.

cc: Farley Howell, Federal Preparedness Coordinator, FEMA Region IX
Richard Grundstrom, Chief, Technological Hazards Branch, FEMA Region IX



FEMA

June 25, 2015

Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor of California
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

On June 4, 2015, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) notified the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) of their approval of the license amendments to Southern California Edison, Inc. (SCE) for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) Units 1, 2, and 3. These license amendments implement exemptions from certain provisions of 10 CFR§50.54(q) concerning offsite emergency response planning that was approved by the Commission. Specifically, these exemptions allow SCE to discontinue offsite radiological emergency preparedness (REP) activities and as a result, no longer requires FEMA to review, monitor, and report activities associated with offsite radiological emergency planning and preparedness for SONGS. SCE implemented these exemptions on June 8, 2015.

SCE expects to implement the REP exemption terms of the license amendments for SONGS Units 1, 2, and 3 within one week of the NRC staff approving these amendments. The NRC's expectation is that SCE will communicate its schedule for implementation of the amendments to the State of California, local authorities, and FEMA Region IX. After the license amendments are fully implemented, emergency planning and preparedness will be limited to on-site activities with notification to off-site authorities in the event of an emergency classification, and maintaining arrangements for off-site response organizations (i.e., law enforcement, fire and medical services) that may respond to on-site emergencies.

This letter serves to officially notify the State of California that as a result of this exemption by the NRC and the implementation of the license amendments incorporating the REP exemptions by SCE, FEMA's Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program will discontinue all offsite emergency planning and preparedness activities for the site. However, as we collaborate with our partners at the NRC to formalize the decommissioning process and potential associated requirements, we will seek to identify opportunities to assist the State and the involved counties to continue to assure radiologic emergency preparedness in California. We understand the State will maintain Radiological Emergency Preparedness plans associated with the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant and the Counties around SONGS will maintain their REP planning through the Interjurisdictional Planning Committee.

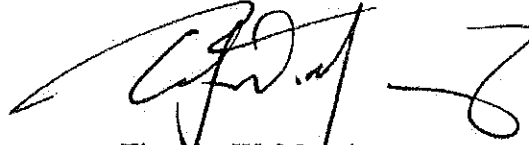
The Federal Emergency Management Agency would like to commend the staff from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services; Orange and San Diego Counties; the cities of San Clemente, Dana Point, and San Juan Capistrano; Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton; and State Parks for their dedicated participation in the offsite radiological emergency planning

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and preparedness activities for the San Onofre Generating Station for the past 32 years, and for updating their all-hazard preparedness plans as SONGS commences decommissioning activities.

Should you have any questions, please call Ms. Karen Armes, Acting Regional Administrator, FEMA Region IX, at (510) 627-7100, or Mr. Andrew Mitchell, Director, FEMA Technological Hazards Division, at (202) 646-2618.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy W. Manning', with a large flourish extending to the right.

Timothy W. Manning
Deputy Administrator
Protection and National Preparedness

cc: Andrew Mitchell, Director, Technological Hazards Division, FEMA HQ
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