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NRC TO DISCUSS 2006 PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet in San Clemente, Calif., on July 12, with representatives of Southern California Edison Co. to discuss the agency's assessment of safety performance for last year at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.

The meeting, which will be open to the public, is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Country Plaza Inn, Conference Room, 35 Via Pico Plaza, San Clemente.

In addition to the performance assessment, the NRC staff will be available to answer questions from the public on the safety performance of San Onofre, as well as the NRC's role in ensuring safe plant operation.

"The NRC continually reviews the performance of San Onofre and the nation's other commercial nuclear power facilities," NRC Region IV Administrator Bruce S. Mallett said. This meeting will provide an opportunity for a discussion of our annual assessment of safety performance with the company and with local officials and residents who live near the plant."

A letter sent from the NRC Region IV office to plant officials addresses the performance of the plant during 2006 and will serve as the basis for the meeting discussion. It is available on the NRC web site at:

http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/sano_2006q4.pdf.

The NRC utilizes color-coded inspection findings and performance indicators to assess nuclear power plant performance. The colors start with "green" and then increase to "white," "yellow" or "red," commensurate with the safety significance of the issues involved.

The NRC said San Onofre operated safely during 2006 and will receive routine, or baseline inspections during 2007.

Routine inspections are performed by two NRC Resident Inspectors assigned to the plant and by inspection specialists from the Region IV Office in Arlington, Texas.

Current performance information for San Onofre Unit Two is available on the NRC web site at: http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/SANO2/sano2_chart.html.

Current performance information for San Onofre Unit 3 is available at: http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/SANO3/sano3_chart.html.

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