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NRC TO DISCUSS 2010 PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet in San Juan Capistrano, Calif., on April 28, with representatives of Southern California Edison Co. to discuss the agency's 2010 assessment of safety performance at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.

The meeting, which will be open to the public, will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Capistrano Unified School District Board Room, 33122 Valle Road, San Juan Capistrano.

Following the performance assessment, the NRC staff will be available to answer questions from the public concerning 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 Elmo Collins 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 2010 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_2010q4.pdf.

San Onofre operated safely in 2010. The licensee addressed longstanding concerns in the area of problem identification and resolution, but has not been fully successful in addressing several longstanding human performance issues. The NRC will conduct additional focused inspections in the human performance area, and also in the safety conscious work environment area to verify that corrective actions are effective and sustainable.

Inspections are performed by two NRC Resident Inspectors assigned to the plant and by 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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