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NRC TO DISCUSS SAN ONOFRE UNIT 2 RESTART PROPOSAL WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON IN ROCKVILLE, MD, ON FEB. 27

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with representatives of Southern California Edison in Rockville, Md., on Feb. 27 to discuss the utility's proposal to restart San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station's Unit 2.

The meeting will run from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room on the first floor of the NRC's One White Flint building at 11555 Rockville Pike in Rockville. Agency staff and utility representatives will <u>continue discussing</u> restart proposal issues first raised at a Dec. 18, 2012, meeting. No restart decisions will be made during the meeting.

Each year, the NRC's review process includes numerous public meetings between the staff and licensees on technical matters being reviewed by agency headquarters staff. It's not possible to bring all these meetings to the communities near the plants in question, so the staff will make a <u>webcast</u> and phone line available for this meeting so that people near San Onofre can observe the review process in action and ask the NRC staff questions.

The teleconference number is 888-677-3916 and the passcode is 8530507. Callers will initially be placed in a "listen only" status. At the designated point in the agenda, two-way calling will be enabled, so that the public may ask the NRC staff questions regarding issues from the meeting. If proprietary information must be discussed, those topics will be deferred to the end of the meeting, which will be closed to members of the public.

The two San Onofre reactors have been shut down since January 2012, when a leak in a Unit 3 steam generator led to the discovery of unexpected wear in both reactors' steam generators. The NRC issued a Confirmatory Action Letter to Southern California Edison in March 2012, requiring several actions by the utility before the agency would consider allowing the plant to restart. The utility's reply from early October 2012 will be the focus of the meeting.

Note to Editors: To facilitate security screening, media interested in attending the meeting in Rockville can contact the Office of Public Affairs at 301-415-8200.

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