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NRC TO MEET WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CO. OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION STEAM GENERATOR ISSUES

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has rescheduled a meeting with representatives of Southern California Edison Co. (SCE) for Nov. 30 to address the company's response to the NRC's Confirmatory Action Letter concerning actions required to be taken to address steam generator tube degradation at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. The plant, operated by SCE, is located in San Clemente, Calif.

The meeting will be held between 6 and 9 p.m. (PST) at the Hills Hotel, 25205 La Paz Road in Laguna Hills, Calif.

NRC staff will meet with SCE officials to discuss the company's response to the NRC Confirmatory Action Letter of March 27, 2012, concerning actions required to be taken by the company to address steam generator tube degradation at San Onofre. The company's response to the Confirmatory Action Letter is available at:
<http://pbadupws.nrc.gov/docs/ML1228/ML122850320.html> .

A leak in a Unit 3 steam generator tube on Jan. 31 led to the shutdown of that unit. The other reactor, Unit 2, was off-line for maintenance and refueling at the time. Subsequent inspections of the nearly new steam generators in both units found unexpected wear. Both units remain safely shut down and will not be permitted to restart until NRC has reasonable assurance they can be operated safely.

The meeting will include a technical presentation by SCE on the basis, methodology, and conclusions of their efforts to identify the causes of the unexpected steam generator tube wear, the corrective actions taken to address those causes, and the basis for continued safe operation of Unit 2. The presentation and NRC dialogue is expected to require the majority of the meeting time. The public is invited to observe the meeting and will have an opportunity to communicate with the NRC staff after the business portion of the meeting, before it is adjourned.

The meeting will be webcast live at: <http://video.nrc.gov> . Given the seating capacity of the meeting facility is limited to approximately 400 persons, participation via webcast is encouraged. The video stream will begin about 5 p.m. PDT, but the audio stream will not start until the meeting begins.

A phone bridge is also available by calling 1-888-913-9973 and entering passcode 9941895 when prompted.

The webcast and phone bridge will be one-way only. Questions or comments can be submitted to the NRC staff after the meeting at: OPA4.Resource@nrc.gov .

Parking at the hotel is free.

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