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Dear Mr. Reyes:

The California Energy Commission is required by AB 1632 (Blakeslee, Chapter 722, Statutes of 2006; Public Resources Code 25303), to compile and assess existing scientific studies to complete a nuclear power plant assessment for California, which must be adopted by the Energy Commission by November 1, 2008. This study will assess the potential vulnerability to a major disruption, due to aging or a major seismic event, of large baseload generating facilities of 1,700 megawatts or greater and analyze the impact of such a disruption on system reliability, public safety, and the economy. This statute also requires the Energy Commission to assess the potential state and local costs and impacts from accumulating waste at California's nuclear power plants and assess other key policy and planning issues affecting the future role of nuclear power plants in the state.

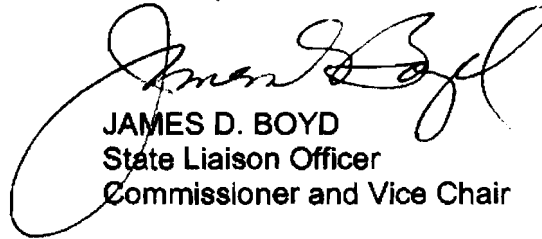
Diablo Canyon and San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) are the two large baseload plants in California exceeding the 1,700 MW threshold. We have contracted with a consultant team to assist with this assessment and have developed a Study Plan, which is available on the Energy Commission website at http://www.energy.ca.gov/ab1632/documents/2008-01-30_STUDY_PLAN.PDF.

I am writing to request NRC's help in meeting the requirements of the AB 1632 statute. Please provide the names of appropriate U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) representatives from the offices of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Nuclear Regulatory Research, and Nuclear Materials, Safety and Safeguards to help identify credible existing scientific studies and reports for this AB 1632 assessment including studies on seismic design, plant aging and nuclear waste accumulation at these plants.

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The Energy Commission plans to have a draft copy of this assessment available on its website for review and comment by July 2008 and the final report released by October 2008. We would appreciate NRC's advice and guidance on aspects of this draft report, once it becomes available for public comment. If you have any questions, please phone Barbara Byron, Project Manager, at 916-654-4976.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James D. Boyd", is written over the typed name and title.

JAMES D. BOYD
State Liaison Officer
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